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# Major crisis talks

OHN Major interrupted his holiday break at Chequers yesterday to talk to his closest Cabiabout the deepening crisis within the Conservative

early general election.

Among those he consulted sas Brian Mawhinney, party chairman, who is on holiday in America with his family but who has been asked for egular briefings on the situtaion caused by the defection of Emma Nicholson to the Liberal Democrats. The next eting of the Cabinet is not defection gets even further

out of hand. Senior Tories last night conceded that Mr Major could be leading a minority government by the summer, as the Defence Secretary, Michael Portillo, reopened the divisions within the Conservatives by claiming it was "incredible" to suggest the party had lurched to the right.

In the wake of Ms Nicholson's defection, senior rightwing figures, including the former party chairman Lord Tebbit and failed leadership contender John Redwood. urged Mr Major to carry on until May 1997, but admitted that he could soon be without

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Senior sources said this situation could come as early as the summer, with two byelections pending and forecasters predicting disastrous results in the May local elections:

Both Lord Tebbit and Mr ment should continue to gov-ern as long as it could win a confidence vote. Mr Major has already stressed that he will not be forced into an early election and that he would not "cut and run" in the face of political the face of political

Ms Nicholson, whose defec-tion leaves the Government facing a majority of just one after the two forthcoming byelections, had said that the Conservative Party's lurch to the right — particularly on Europe — had been one of the reasons why she decided to

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'The foreign and

defence policies

of this country will

not be dictated to

us by a majority of

Michael Portillo,

**Tory Conference** 

a council of

ministers'

He added: "I think the party | Rift deepens, page 2

Portillo - then and now

s probably much the same We have a broad breadth of opinion within the party."

But leading figures on the Tory left immediately res-ponded by saying that Mr Portillo was only exacerbating tensions in the party just as unity was needed to get backbenchers in three months.

Yesterday Peter Temple-Morris, MP for Leominste who leads a recently launched pro-Europe and one-nation "the very worrying tilt to the right about which many of us He added: "Idon't think that

the torrent of personal abuse Nicholson is exactly helping. mon key colleagues earlier if rebuke to Mr Portillo and the in-fighting sparked by her | called for an end to recriminations."What I regret is that members of the Cabinet should be induiging in this sort of language and this ap-proach," he said. But Mr Redwood urged Mr Major to adopt more right-wing poli-

cies in order to try to claw back Labour's 30 per cent lead in the polls. With Parliament due to resume next Tuesday, Mr Major has been concentrating his efforts on rallying grassroots supporters, by stressing his commitment to one-nation

ing the Government's eco-nomic achievements. The Ulster Unionists have confirmed that they will not seek to bring down the Government by voting against it, provided that the Government refuses to compromise in its demands for the IRA to

But they were yesterday warned by the Northern Ireland Secretary, Sir Patrick Maybew, not to expect special treatment in return for their

the Government's majority

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Horn players were among 6,000 musicians in the London Parade on new year's day attempting to beat the world record for the largest marching band

## Armed gang murder good Samaritan



begin disarming before Sinn Fein can join all-party talks.

brought about by Ms Nicholson's defection.

The shadow foreign secre tary, Robin Cook, said the public could see for themselves that the Government was adopting a right-wing agenda designed for purely party political reasons.

"It is not a question of John Major himself being right-

jump ship.

But yesterday Mr Portillo insisted on BBC radio that it was "very silly to say that the was "very silly to say that the right — running before the most vocal to the right." wing of his party," he said.

## Four 'dangerous' men on the run hands in the air, a man ran forward and shorts rang out. After street shooting incident hands in the air, a man ran forward and shorts rang out. Officers were called to the enough to return to his home past month, both thought to return to his home past month, both thought to return to his home past month, both thought to return to his home past month, both thought to return to his home past month, both thought to return to his home past month, both thought to return to his home past month, both thought to return to his home past month.

Geoffrey Gibbs

OLICE were last night hunting an armed gang who shot dead one man and in-jured two others who interpears to have been an attempted street robbery in the St Paul's area of Bristol.

The gang, who were reported to have sped off in a car after the incident, are said to be "armed and dangerous" and police warned members of the public not to approach them. Detectives said they were looking for four black

The dead man was named last night as Jamaican-born Evon "Bangy" Berry, aged 37, of Montpelier, Bristol, who was caretaker of the Malcolm X community centre in St Paul's. He was married, with three daughters aged 17, 15

helping out in the annual St Paul's carnival, where he made wood carvings for children to carry. One local man, who declined to be named, said last night: "Everyone would say this incident was typical of Bangy. If he saw someone in trouble, he would try to help."

His widow, Linda, said: "He

was a lovely man, a big, gentle person who would not hurt anybody."

Detectives have been carry-ing out house-to-house inquiries in the area and yesterday interviewed the intended rob-bery victim at the city's Trin-

ity Road police station.
Police, said Mr Berry and the two other men, who were brothers, saw the intended victim being pistol-whipped. Mr Berry and the others were told to "mind their own

area at 7ain yesterday after reports of an argument and

gunshots at the junction of Sussex Place and Ashleigh Road in the heart of St Paul's. Mr Berry was found dead at the scene with a single gun-shot wound to the head. He had staggered to nearby Gros-venor Road before collapsing outside a taxi office.

The brothers, aged 36 and 39, were found injured, one with a gunshot wound to his side, the other with head injuries caused when he was pis-tol-whipped to the ground. The men, both from the locality, were last night under armed guard in hospital in

Bristol. The man with gunshot wounds was said to be in a "serious but not life-threatening" condition. His brother's head injuries are not thought

Mr Berry and the others were told to "mind their own business".

But as they continued to protest they were threatened and gunshots were fired. As they moved backwards, their lent on more. The man, who

in Southampton. He has de-

Although the murder took place in a part of the city with

a history of drug-related

crime, a spokesman for Avon and Somerset police stressed that there was no evidence to

clined to be named.

be drug-related.

The spokesman added: "The wanted men are armed and dangerous. They must not be approached. But police should be informed immediately if they are sighted."

suggest the shooting was | Death is linked to drugs dealings. | page 3 Death in an urban badland,

## Black Watch troops 'joined triad'

Andrew Higgins in Hong Kong and John Mullin

Evon Berry . . . tried to stop street robbery

OLDIERS from the Black Watch, whose col-onel-in-chief is the Queen Mother, were said yesterday to have become embroiled in the notorious Chinese triads in Hong Kong, where the regiment served until August 1994.

The Ministry of Defence was last night checking the reports, which appeared in the Hong Kong-based Eastern Express newspaper. At least a dozen members of

Highland Regiment, were

said to have taken initiation

oaths in Cantonese, mastered

Michael Portillo, the Sun Yee On triad. **January 1 1996** 



complex numerological code the Black Watch, the Royal designating criminal hierarchies dating back to the 17th century. Each new gang mem-ber is required to make 36 loy-

secret hand signals and as-sumed low-rank positions in the numbers making up the rank's name.

lance bouncers in the bars and nightclubs of Wanchai, prostitute Suzie Wong, and still a favourite destination for visiting servicemen.
A police source said: "They and went through the full ini-

The Sun Yee On is probably the largest of some 50 triad gangs operating in Hong Kong Triad membership is illegal and punishable by up to 15 years' imprisonment. Britain has cut its armed

forces in Hong Kong in the past decade from nearly 13,000 to about 3,000. The Black Watch is due to go back next year for a final tour that will end with the arrival of the People's Liberation Army at midnight on June 30 1997.

The rank they are said to British troops are alleged to Triad secret societies trace been have held was "49", part of a have come into contact with their origins to the collapse of 1987.

triads while working as free-lance bouncers in the bars and nightclubs of Wanchai, invaders founded the Qing. than criminal, such groups quickly turned from politics to extortion while retaining and lore. Many nightclubs. mah-jong gaming parlours and bars in Hong Kong pay

> The Ministry of Defence said last night it was unaware of any Black Watch soldiers returning to Hong Kong to give evidence in any trial, although it was aware that such the colony.

> The Black Watch, founded in 1725, was threatened with a merger four years ago as part of the MOD's plans to reduce the number of infantry battalions. The Queen Mother has been its colonel-in-chief since

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have lost its overall majority by this stage, making it vulnerable est in the Commons.

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Although John Major may

changes to his top team, its

up to the election, and any

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ition is vital in the run-

Reshuffle

Minority

### Sketch

## In the money and well out of sight



Stephen Bates

A NYONE going to the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg yesterday in the hope of watching its prosperous citizens spending the highest per capita incomes in the world was in for a sad letdown. Luxembourg was, to all

intents and purposes, closed. The World Bank has decided that the Luxembour-geois (and they are very bourgeois) have the higher average incomes in the world: nearly \$40,000 (£25,544) a head. way ahead of Japan and the

Indeed Luxembourg is 159 countries ahead of Mozambique, the world's least pros-perous nation, whose citizens have an average annual in-come of just \$80 (251), or the average cost of a half-decent meal for two in a little restaurant on Luxembourg's boule-

vard Franklin Roosevelt. But if the citizens of the tiny duchy, perched between Belgium, France and Germany, ave it, they were not flau ing it yesterday. Everywhere was closed and shuttered, with few inhabitants and even fewer tourists braving the cloying fog and icy cobble-

stones to window shop. The bells of Notre Dame Ca-thedral echoed desolately through the mist. Even Mc-Donald's, capitalism's most ubiquitous and open-all-hours stion, was shut for the day. Le Big Mac and Les Chicken

Nuggets were not available. Most of the shops do not seem to be bothering with January sales, their prices quite competitive enough: A Chanel pearl-encrusted wristwatch in the Bijouterie Kass Jentgen in the Place d'Armes, is a snip at the equivalent of £5,220; a gent's tweed jacket in the Boutique Feline on Avenue Monterey costs a mere £418. There will be no cheap perfume on offer at the incongruously named Beauty Free shop on the Avenue de la Gare this month, either.

**Book review** 

Dan Glaister

Peter York's Eighties

Peter York and Charles Jennings

ETER YORK is a man with a mission. There he

is, leaning forward,

peering archly from the cover of his latest book: this man

haps, even, to sell us. The man who told us about Sloanes

with his Sloane Ranger Hand-

book, the man who sold us stylish apercus in the pages of

Harpers & Queen, the man who gave us Style Wars has returned, to tell us about ex-

actly the same things as be-

barrassed to admit to, but which was a golden age for many, including Peter York. New Romantic revivals, Sounds of the Eightles on TV,

dredged up, invested with

some gravitas, and with a

snap of the braces you have a TV series (starting Saturday),

a book, a new career as a nos-

talgia-pedlar.
Peter York hasn't moved on.
The cover of this book shows

him as we remember him: crisp shirt, polka-dot tie. red braces, tightly coffed, tinted

hair. The man looks as if he

went into a Chelsea wine bar in 1987 and has stumbled out

unaware that it is 1996. York's decade is divided

into six charmingly allitera-

dise, Property, Plutocrats,

Pushers and Post-Eighties.

The style is ad-speak, or per-haps tele-speak. This is, after

all, the book of the series, and

in the best tradition of Eight-ies instant publishing it has

store last month.

Coming on the heels of a

sharp decline the year before,

the rate of violent crime in

New York is now at its lowest

point since the early 1970s. The trend is not isolated.

Big Apple rot slows down as

N a dramatic acceleration of Other big cities, like Houston a four-year trend, New York and San Diego, have regis-

City's crime rate has registered its steepest drop in 23 years, despite the killing of five people at a Bronx shoe Bronx, there is a new anxiety

crime rate drops drastically

tive chapters: Pioneers, Para-

fore: the Eighties. What a wheeze! the Eight-ies, the decade everyone is em-

has something to tell us. Per

Catalogue sells

a spiv's decade

Of course, it was a bank holiday in Luxembourg, the country which has based its prosperity on hanking and di-cretion. It is here where the accountants of Europe advise their clients to hide their funds, safe from prying do-mestic tax authorities. You don't even need to use your own name. Yesterday the banks along the Boulevard Royal were all shuttered, mar-ble halls gleaning but

deserted. Hubert Hoffmann and his wife Monika, walking their white poodle through the shopping centre of the upper city, were mildly surprised to be classed among the most prosperous citizens in the world. "We do all right, but I don't think we are special," said Hubert, a retired car worker, originally from Ger many. "Everything is very expensive here, so we need a lot

of money."
Luxembourg retains a slightly Ruritanian air, with its turreted ducal palace, its cobbled squares and spiky church spires. If there are beg gars, as there are in most Suropean cities these days. they were not out yesterday in the bitter cold: the only youth to be seen crouching in a doorway turned out to be an Italian student waiting for a friend.

Of course, the World Bank's per capita income reckoning is bogus: it is distorted by all banks, and it takes no account of the high proportion of foreign commuters who come into Luxembourg each day, be-cause their earnings go abroad: 15 miles west, south or

A quarter of the workforce comes in across the borders each day, half of all the work-ers in the duchy are foreigners, and that figure rises to two-thirds in the private sector. The bankers of Europe have found it more economical to move their employees to Luxembourg than to keep them in cities like Brussels, embourg is proud to have created 19,000 new jobs since 1991 but only a thousand of those

have gone to locals. By other reckonings, Luxembourg is only the 12th rich est region in Europe and its citizens are third in purchasing power after Australia and Canada. You can do anything with figures.

the feel of a rush job. Leaving aside the errors — repetitions

be read aloud: ungrammati-

cal, rhetorical, italicised.

omissions — this is writing to

back and let the words splosb just any decade," it starts. York recently told an inter-

viewer that "I used to read a

Peter York's Eighties; ac-

cordingly, reads like a cata-logue. Ploneers? Ah, yes. there is Sherman, Joseph, Thatcher, Ferry, Bowle,

Rusty Egan . . . It's like soap

opera: familiar cast, familiar plot, it's all so easy.
But what does York do with all this observation? He delivers the snappy phrase, ("The Age of the Logo", "Self Expression and the Art of Paperhanging") but is there apprehing

ing") but is there anything else going, on other than the revelation that the Eighties

grew out of the Seventies? York's Eighties is a fulfilme

freedom, adventure, technology, opportunity, or as York

would say, opportunity. The other Eighties, the spiv Eight-

ies, hiding around the corner waiting to mug you and break into your home, are absent.

This is a depressing book. A grubby decade sanitised as if

by the visionaries of its early

years, its Pioneers. Observa-tion mingles with generalisa-tion in a way that had this reader screaming: "Go on

then, prove it!" Proof, how-

ever, is too messy. It would spoil the packaging.

Peter York's Elghties is published by BBC Books, £12.99, The TV series starts

aturday, BBC2, 9,50pm

exploding toilets.

Two people have filed a law suit claiming that when they

flushed their toilets the bowls

ruptured, spraying them with

pieces of porcelain. — New York Times.

of the decade's own myth:

lot of books. Now, I mean, I

ust get things . .

## Right deepens party rifts

Rebecca Smithers examines how fundamental areas of policy have sharply changed direction over the past year

> Michael Portillo, the Defence Secre-tary, yesterday vehemently denied right - one of the main reasons Emma Nicholson gave for defecting — senior Tories privately concede that policies on Europe, welfare, education and immigration have tilted in that direction over the last 12 months.
> While John Major had already bowed to pressure from Eurosceptics, for example, it was Mr Portillo's tub-thump-

policy, pledging not to join a "single European army" and stating that UK servicemen were ready to give their lives for Britain but "not for Labour, swift to respond to the change of direction indi-cated by many policy an-nouncements at the confer-

in a speech personally auth-orised by John Major, Mr Por-

tillo promised to resist moves

towards a European defence

ence, seized upon his speech with a campaign at the end of October to expose the numer ous areas where it claimed the Conservative Party was 'lurching to the right Labour claimed the Conser-

than for the benefit of the country.

Bducation: Policy has In September, the leaking of when they forced the Govern-Education: Policy has changed radically since John In September, the leaking of a document in which Mrs Shephard warned that educa-Major installed Gillian Shephard 18 months ago to tion provision was threatened by underfunding helped to overshadow the much-trumrestore some kind of order after what some ministers

TORIES IN TURMOIL: Moderates alienated by moves appease potentially rebellious members

JANUARY

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With Labour set to hold its sale seat of Hemsworth, and win the

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Treaty. He is expected to

at a meeting of the

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"the idiocies" of John . But it soon became clear to tives had to produce new, dis-tinctive policies to underline cation. At the centre of the reforms were nursery vouchgoverning, opting out initially for church schools, and

doubling the assisted places The changes — apparently foisted upon Mrs Shephard with little discussion — soon ran into problems. The churches said the fast-track route to opting out was unacceptable, while only four schools said they would participate in a pilot to test the freedom for businesses to withhold statutory sick pay. Further restrictions on asylum-seekers by Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, through a "white list", and a

crime-busting package, have pleased rightwingers. new nursery vouchers, and

peted Cabinet summit.

Welfare reform: Also at the

wants to reduce dependence

year, and announced at the

party conference tight new

restrictions on benefits for asylum-seekers, smart cards

to stamp out fraud and a new

Family policy: Since the party conference, the "moral majoritarians" on the right

ment to shelve a new bill on domestic violence. The Family Homes and Domestic Violence Bill, which would have given greater protection to victims of domestic violence and child abuse, was on the and ching abuse, was on the verge of becoming law with all-party approval when it was sidelined in November by nine rightwing backbenchers

forefront. The Government who claimed it would weaken costs more than £90 billion a the status of marriage. The measures were revived in the new Family Law Bill, through changes acknowledging that living together is not as

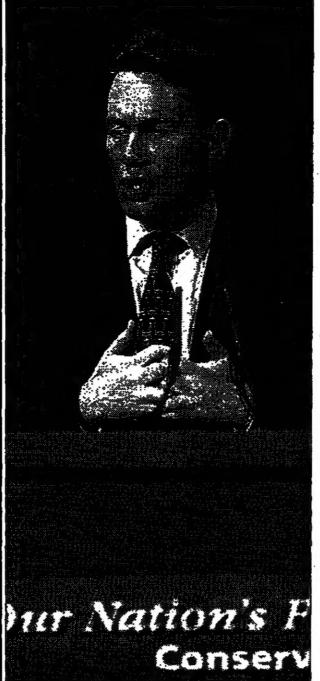
Health: Behind the scenes, there are concerns about what Labour describes as the the creeping "privatisation" of the National Health Ser-vice, through rationing of

some treatments. Nevertheless, Mr Portillo, that the Torles were now pursuing a hardline agenda.

who could object to Mrs Thatcher because they thought she was strident or ideological, who could not possibly have those objections to Mr Major who is so palpably moderate and all-em-bracing in the way he wishes to run the party," he said on

BBC Radio Mr Portillo raised tensions Nicholson as a woman with a "history of disloyalty" who strong a commitment as | had at one time been only too happy to lend enthusiastic

support to the rightwing poli-cies of Mrs Thatcher. But the divisions between Tory right and left have been clearly exposed by Miss Nich-olson's defection, prompting many of her former leftwing colleagues to voice their unlong seen as a standard- from moderate policies.



Michael Portillo's tub-thumping Conference speech

## ing speech at the Conserva-tive conference in October that shamelessly whipped up vatives were changing their policies to satisfy the denationalist sentiment on the right of the party, shocking mands of potentially rebellious right-wingers, rather Quarter-century fails to wipe out memories of Ibrox's dark day

### John Mullin talks to survivors

HERE were more than 80,000 of them, off to cele-brate New Year in the cauldron of an Old Firm derby 25 years ago. Rangers versus Celtic, and Glasgow's preferred method of washing away another Hogmanay hangover. Sixty-six of them were never to return home. It was the worst soccer disaster in British history, ex-ceeded 18 years later when 96 iverpool fans were crushed at Hillsborough, the lessons unlearned. January 2, 1971 will be forever one of Glasgow's darkest days, and many long bore the mental, as well

The Fatal Accident Inquiry criticised Rangers' directors who had ignored two earlier deaths on the same stairway 13, to the north-east of the ground. The Safety at Sports Grounds Act followed north of the border in 1975 after Lord Wheatley's report on the tragedy, but Rangers went much further. Ibrox, now with a capacity of 44,000, was the first large stadium in Brit-ain to be rebuilt virtually from scratch, with safety the

as the physical, injuries.

prime consideration. Like tomorrow's game, at Celtic's Parkhead, the derby was a table-topping clash. It was tight, but in the final minute. Jimmy Johnstone put Celtic ahead. Rangers fans streamed for the exits

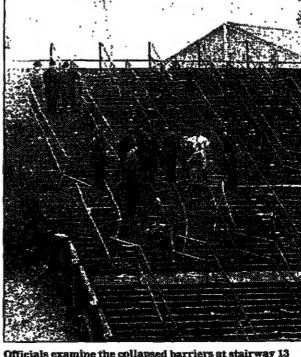
It is said the disaster carr after Colin Stein. Rangers' centre forward, equalised with the last kick of the ball. Departing fans, deafened by the cheers of those who had remained, tried to return. But the referee had blown time, and they were felled under the weight of those leaving. But the PAI, an inquest cum-public inquiry in Scot land, found those who died were moving in the same di-

rection. There were 20,000 spectators using stairway 13. Concrete reinforced fences withstood the awful pressure, leaving people to be asphyxiated while still standing. Steel handrails were left in horrible twisted strands. One witness said: "I just seemed to be pushed with the

amount of pressure. My feet

were lifted . . . right out of my boots. I was pushed over the top and just blacked out." One eyewitness saw a man with a red shirt escaping from the crush "except that it wasn't a shirt at all. His whole chest had been ripped open".

Ramsay Howarth, then an 18-year-old student, survived. His brother David pulled him from a pile of dead bodies and gave him the kiss of life. He awoke in hospital two weeks later, and was to stay there for three more months to be treated for multiple injuries.



Officials examine the collapsed barriers at stairway 13

his father, who rarely went, as a treat. "I was so chuffed when I managed to get him a ticket for the Old Firm match," he said.

His dad died, and Matt never went to a football match for more than 20 years. "Even now I still look across to the part where it happened, and the memories come flood-

He will be at Parkhead tomorrow. "Football will be secondary in my thoughts, But I feel it is important to go along and pay my respects to all those — like my father —

who lost their lives." John Grieg, now a public relations executive at Rangers, was captain. The players knew nothing for more than an hour. "We were totally in the dark for ages afterwards. I was last out of afterwards. I was last out of to remember Scottish foot-the bath and walked into the ball's most dreadful hour.

eerily quiet. As I was putting on my clothes, the door opened and four stretcher-bearers came in," he said.

"They placed two bodies on the massage tables and then told me about the scene side. I will never forget that day as long as I live. "Anyone who was there and saw the never-ending line

of bodies lying on the pitch will probably remain haunted by that picture for the rest of Of the victims, 28 were teen-

unidentified.

After a quarter of a century, there will at last be a plaque

agers or younger. And 24 hours after the tragedy. corpses still lay on the pitch, unidentified Redevelopment work at Ibrox will incorporate a memorial to those who died.

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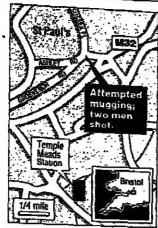


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'When he saw anyone trouble, he had to help'

Gary Younge on a site of violence



Police activity at the scene of yesterday's fatal shooting in St Paul's, Bristol, and (below) the aftermath of the 1980 riot in the area

## Dawn death in urban badland

HE fatal shooting of community centre "Bangy" Berry, who early yesterday tried to stop a street theft in St Paul's, Bristol, will only fur-ther entrench the area's notoriety as one of Britain's most violent urban badlands, de spite the efforts of many local people to turn things around. St Paul's was the first of Britain's inner-cities to go up in flames in the eighties when unemployment in the community was running at more than 20 per cent. But the area, tol's Trinity Road district, did that was earmarked for the likes of Toxteth, in Liverpool, or Brixton, in south London.

ment refused to admit a link between these disturbances and urban deprivation. But it was a fact that even the local police could not ignore. "Is it depths of the 1980-81 recession, when unemployment began to rise sharply from its 1970 base, the first urban riots of the modern era occurred in St Paul's and Brixton?" asked the Avon and Somerset constabulary in the Operational Police Review. But in 1986. St inner-city task force, which Paul's saw many of its inhab-offered businessmen financial



police again, prompting the government to act. St Paul's was duly made one of the eight targets selected by the Department of Employment's

itants clash violently with the | incentives to set up in the

area. Yet, as has proved the case with Brixton and Toxteth, there has been little evidence that whatever investment it

was originally intended in a one in four of the crimes com- glaries fell by 25 per cent. But way that made any real differ- mitted in the entire Avon and police insisted there was no ence. The unemployment rate remained high and racial tensions between local commu-nity and police have continued to simmer.

"The perception held by black people is still that the system is not fair. Their expe-rience is that they are dealt with much more harshly," said the chairman of Bristol's Society Against Racial Inci-dents, Soharl Elahi.

But the disturbances which took place in Bristol's working class housing estate of Hartcliffe in 1992 showed that, if the defining factors in the 1960s uprisings had been racism and police harrassment they had now shifted to poverty and the petty crime of the never-unemployed.

By this time St Paul's had gained a reputation as a focal point for drug-related crime that it has found difficult to shake off.

Between 1980 and 1990 violent offences and car theft in Bristol almost doubled, burglaries and indecent assaults against women more than doubled, and theft from cars and serious criminal damage rocketed by some 350 per

Surveys have indicated that Trinity district accounted for

### David Hirst in Beirut ING FAHD yesterday handed over the effective government of Saudi Arabia, the world's largest oil exporter and a mainstay of Western policies in the Middle East, to his half-brother, Crown Prince Abdullah. The ailing monarch, aged 74, who suffered a debilitating stroke in November, has not formally abdicated. But the signs are that he has transferred power permanently to his heir apparent. The succession — the fifth

since the kingdom's founder, Abdul Aziz, died in 1953 was always expected to be a difficult one. The laconic announcement of what purports to be a provisional transfer of authority does not inspire confidence that it has been smoothly accomplished.

On the contrary, its being prompted by King Fahd's ill-ness rather than his death, and the possibility of his recovery, make it problem-atic. Not only are there rivalries within the House of Saud. but the regime is under

Among its problems are the growth of an Islamist opposi-tion movement; a middle class seeking to break the princely monopoly on deci-sion-making, cuts in the vast welfare system; high-level corruption; and foreign poli-cies widely seen as subservient to the economic and political interests of the United

Prince Abdullah, who is known to favour less bla-tantly pro-American policies and more Arab self-reliance will, at least, bring about a change of style and emphasis. The question is whether he may collide with those within the ruling family — notably the Sudeiri clan to which King Fahd belongs - who

want to keep the kingdom on

robbery which went trag-ically wrong," said Chief In-spector Piet Blesheuvel. its present course.
In his royal decree, King
Fahd told the Crown Prince: In fact, Mr Berry appears to bave died from the very kind of communal act St Paul's can "Because of Your Highness's ill-afford to lose. His sister, Olline Johnson, said: "He was good character . . . we entrust you ... to take over manage-ment of government affairs always trying to help people. He liked to help if he possibly while we enjoy rest and recu-peration." Prince Abdullah in turn pledged his allegiance to King Fahd. The king was admitted to

could." A senior police officer added: "Mr Berry was apparently the sort of man style of policing soon began to bear fruit Trinity Road saw a When he saw someone in bear fruit Trinity Road saw a When he saw someone in sources, he was overweight, 6 per cent drop in crime in the trouble, he could not turn a diabetic and arthritic, and Successor: Prince Abdullah, first half of last year and bur- | blind eye."

drug connection to yester-day's killing. "There is noth-ing to suggest that this was

anything other than a street

The Saudi opposition claims he never recovered his speech and that pictures of him on television, after his release from hospital were fake. The House of Saud. com-

posed of several thousand de-scendants of Abdul Aziz, traditionally rallies behind any new ruler, whose choice is as-sured in advance. But that choice could be contentious this time because of constitutional changes King Fahd introduced in 1992.

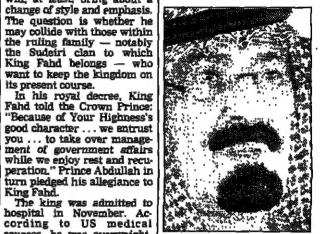
The succession previously went to the most senior of Abdul Aziz's sons — of whom there were 45 recorded ones, from 22 wives. King Fahd opened it up to the grandsons. Now, the heir apparent should be the most "suitable" of Abdul Aziz's descendants. Although the monarch the new provision throws the issue open to debate — and

power struggles. The "Sudeiri Seven" — offspring of Abdul Aziz's reputedly favourite wife - include such powerful figures as the defence minister, Prince Sul-tan, the interior minister.

tan, the interior minister. Prince Nayif, and the governor of Riyadh, Prince Salman. They are undoubtedly keen to preserve their ascendancy.

Prince Abdullah has no such kinship. But, owing to his mother, who hails from the powerful Shammar tribe, he is popular with the tribes of the central Naid region, the of the central Najd region, the traditional cradle of the House of Saud. He also commands the National Guard, an internal security force which is a counterweight to the army.

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had suffered a severe stroke. | King Fahd's half-brother

### Some of those who have paid the price for having a go

□ Ted Newberry, aged 82, | Bannistre-Parker were | and pay £750 costs last July | □ John Penfold, 22, was was ordered to pay £4,000 dropped but his shotgun after he locked up a guest, given a posthumous brav-to an intruder. Mark Re-licence was revoked. Norman Stocks, in the cel-ery award from the Queen vill, after shooting him when he tried to break into when he tried to break into a shed on his allotment at likeston, Derbyshire, in 1988. At the time he was Michael Hecker, 20, after juring Mr Revill, who was jailed for six months. Mr Revill subsequently pur-

sued a civil suit.

he fired his shotgun over the heads of two thieves in July. Mr Richards was acquitted and Mr Hecker was jailed for eight months for

home. Charges against Mr hours' community service Aberdeenshire.

lar after catching him tak-ing £5. Mr Stocks was given a conditional discharge.

□ Malcolm Albrighton, 48. died after being punched by a burglar he tried to chase from his home in Warwickshire in May 1994.

□ Roy Bannistre-Parker, a retired major, was arrested last June after tackling a youth who broke into his home Charges against Mr.

| Janes for again months for steading from a car. |
| Stuart Hicken, a 41-year-old Bridlington hotelier saving his wife, who was attacked at a social club in home Charges against Mr.

after he was stabbed to death in November 1994 by Ian Kay when he tried to foil a robbery at Wool-worth's in Teddington, where he worked. Kay was jailed for a minimum of 22

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among some of those active in

the local community: "We were faced by violence or the

threat of it every day, but the

police have been successful in

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stacles," said the chairman of the Asian traders' association in Bristol, Magsood Zamir.

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Alex Duval Smith in Paris

FRENCH author has come up with the per-fect tool for anyone who has spent ages leafing through a dictionary to locate the correct spelling of a word. Michel Dansel's Dictionary of Spelling Mistakes lists French words according to the manner in which they are most frequently misspelt and gives the correct version. The 3,000-entry book, which includes spelling exercises,

aberrations. Listed under A is 'adok" which the book explains should be spelt "had-dock". Similarly, under E, you find that the correct spelling of "ernie" is "hernie" (hernia). Foreign words are hardest of all, such as "boukmaker" (bookmaker) and "woulst" (whist). The title of the inch-thick

book - Dictionnaire des Fautes d'Orthographe - is likely to catch out many of its readers, who are likely to spell it Dissionaire des Pôtes d'Ortographe. Even then they have to know their "alfabet" reveals how far the French are flummoxed by the com-plexities of their language. (alphabet) and have some "vo-

Mr Dansel, aged 56, whose previous work includes a guidebook to a Paris come-tery, said he got the idea while working as a French teacher.

"Approximate spelling can be found in all walks of life. It struck me that ordinary dictionaries are only of help if you already know how to snell the word you are looking for," he said.
"Over a number of years I

kept note of frequently mis-The book, published by Edi- television.

tions du Rocher and priced Fr69 (£9.20), may revive a de-bate which last raged nearly 10 years ago over whether written French should be adapted to modern phonetics.
Under the system of "nouvelle orthographe" - an idea floated by the French Acad-emy in 1987 — the word phon-

etique would be spelt fonetik.
The system met with howls
of protest in a country in which orthography is consid-

ered an art form. Every year, a national spelling competi spelt words. The dictionary is tion is organised, with really just a list of them," he regional heats and a final which is broadcast live on

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The ground where the fifth Test starts today not only bears no resemblance to the one on which England played their last Test in Cape Town 31 years ago, it bears no resemblance to that used three years ago.

Matthew Engel page 15

English start earlier than French and Spanish, survey shows

## Family attitudes blamed for teenage drinking

agers drink alco-hol than their contemporaries in research has found.

A perceived lack of family support by English parents, and social pressures to ap-pear adult, which are not present in France or Spain, may account for the higher rates of drinking, say the researchers, who have looked at nearly 7,000 young people.

Parental attitudes towards alcohol appear particularly with both overly liberal and

The study into adolescent drink and perceptions of family life was carried out by Geoff Lowe, a psychologist at the University of Hull, and David Foxcroft, of Portsmouth University, together with Jacques Weill, from Paris, and Javier Alvarez, of Valladolid, in northern Spain.

The researchers analysed questionnaires from children ged 11 to 16 at 35 schools in Humberside, 12 in Tours and eight in Valladolid. They involved 4,386 English pupils, 1,504 Spanish and 960 French Overall, only 14 per cent of

the English pupils said they did not drink, compared with 32 per cent of the French and 6 per cent of the Spanish. Among those aged 13 to 16 who said they were drinkers,

Teenage drinking

girls 3.8; for Spanish boys 5.9, and for girls 4.7. A unit repre sents half a pint of beer or a

reported drinking 21 units or more in the past week stood at 3 per cent of the Spanish pupils, 5 per cent of the French and 6 per cent of the

fathers were regular drinkers stood at 33 per cent for both the English and French pu-pils, and 20 per cent for the Spanish. The rates for mothers being regular drinkers were 16 per cent for the English teenagers, 14 for the French and 4 for the Spanish.

Pupils who reported that their parents did not like them to drink consisted of 69

The report concluded: "Self- strict approach, so that alco- quite important.

reported drinking behaviour was greater in English adolesents, particularly boys. Perceptions of family support and control are greater in French and Spanish

Parental attitudes to drink-ing are perceived as more liblescents. In the case of boys, such influences seem to contribute significantly to differ-

ential drinking patterns." English children may be under greater pressure to attain adult status, and that drinking is one socially per-ceived characteristic of adult status. "By contrast in France and Spain there may be less pressure on children and adolescents to hurry into

Dr Lowe said that overall teenage drinking was not at alarming levels in this country, but that parents should be aware that their at-

tive, but so was an overly lib eral approach, especially if this was perceived by the children as indifference lack of care.

sters who get into drinking, but the vast majority drink much less or are non-drinkers. among English drinkers. more drank to get drunk than the French or Spanish," Dr

Lowe said. There were also differences in where the first drink was taken. English pupils were more likely to have had it from a friend in the street or a park, whereas for the French or Spanish it was likely to be in bar, restaurant

or the family home "We have no evidence that teenage drinking in this country is a problem or is getting worse, but our work does show that family attitudes are

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## 'Life-saving' drink limit gets road safety toast

Figures to be released today are expected to show a fall in the number of motorists testing positive for drink-driving during Christmas and the new year. Australia and some EU countries have adopted a lower alcohol limitrejected by Steven Norris - which they

Sue Quinn reports THE minister respon-: sible for overseeing the campaigns against. drink-driving, Steven Norris would get short shrift from his Australian counterparts over the Government's refusal to lower the motoring

say saves lives.

A month ago Mr Norris rejected a joint call by the British Medical Association and Parliamentary Advisory Council on Road Safety to reduce the blood alcohol concentration from 80mg per 100ml of blood to 50mg.

He said such a change would not necessarily change drivers' behaviour. But in Australia and in some parts of Europe, the conviction is growing that lower limits keep deaths off the roads. Australia's 50mg per 100ml limit is recognised to have contributed to a 12 per cent

involving drivers with blood

alcohol above 150mg per

100ml as well as an 8 per cent reduction in the range between 80 and 150.
So convinced were the road afety authorities in Australia that the lower limit saved lives and money that the fed-

Steven Norris: rejected call by BMA and safety council

road funding grants unless they fell into line. In Queensland, which reduced its limit from 80 to 50

in 1982 the argument for a lower limit is compelling.
A study by the Western
Australian Drug Authority
showed that three years after the introduction of the new level, there had been a 13.6 per cent reduction in the number of night-time road sc-

hospitalisation. In New South Wales, the most highly populated state, the limit was reduced in 1980 and a random breath testing programme introduced two years later. Since then the state's road toll has steadily declined from 1,253 per year to 651 in 1994. And the proporkilled with blood alcohol of 50mg or more fell from about

Advocates of a European 50mg limit are looking with interest at Belgium, which reduced its blood alcohol imit from 80 to 50 in Decem

Initial results show there eral government made it a condition that no state or territory would receive special accidents in the first two

cidents involving

averaged 33 per cent ever

was a 28 per cent reduction in the number of alcohol related

previous year. This included an 11 per cent reduction in alcohol related accidents where people were injured and a 20 per cent reduction in fatal and serious Jeanne Breen, the executive director of the European Transport Safety Council, since then there has been no increase in breath testing or police vigilance and little fol-low up media interest. "It's likely that the initial

reductions will not be sus-tained because of this," she

However the European Transport Safety Council strongly believes there is evidence to warrant the introduction of a standard EU 50 mg limit. There are five different

levels operating in the EU, ranging from 20mg (Sweden) to 80mg (Austria, Denmark, Germany, Britain, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg and Spain). But there is a trend towards the 50mg level intro-duced in Finland, France, Greece, Belgium and Holland. Rob Gifford, executive di-rector of the Parliamentary Advisory Council on Road Safety, is perplexed at the British Government's intran-

sigence on the issue.
While drink-drive road deaths in Britain have fallen from about 1,300 per year in the early 1,300 to 510 last year, he says the trend has stalled and "hard core" drink drivers need their behaviour

further modified.
"I think you can make a very strong case that a reduction in the limit would lead to a reduction in the number of fatalities, as long as it is supported by vigorous enforcement and a public education campaign." Mr Gifford says.
"My view is that we have

got to a place below which it is very difficult to go without a lower limit on the amount of alcohol people can

The lines are already drawn for the so-called Third **Battle of Newbury.** It could spark off this week, when the buildozers move in on the communities living in wigwams, benders and treehouses along the route of the proposed A34 bypass.

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## It's the Year of the Pier, but many 'unique' coastal landmarks are on a financial limb

## New wave of hope to save rotting piers from the sea

Maev Kennedy and Tom Sharrett

HE Year of the Pier swept in yesterday on a tide of enthusiasm around the country's coasts, with hopes high that a new wave of interest will save many from the sea.
The British Association of

Leisure Parks, Piers and Attractions, and the National Piers Society, have signed up 23 pier-owners to celebrate the event with end-of-the-pier shows, clowns and fireworks. If the heritage minister Lord Inglethorpe can be persuaded to visit Brighton in March, there will be an official launch by a peer on a pier. And June 30 has been proclaimed National Pier Day.

Before the Christmas

recess, the tourism minister Ian Sproat assured Parliament piers are important to the heritage, and unique ele-ments in British tourism. Meanwhile, plers every-

where are rotting. Most need repairs they could never pay for from revenue, and the privately owned ones are not eligible for lottery funding.

The costs can be enormous. Annual maintenance is estimated at between £25,000 and £250,000, and it is a hazardous trade: Southend Pier reopened at the end of the summer after its third major fire, and it has also twice been chopped in half by crashing boats. The bill for Clevedon Pler, on the Bristol Channel, rose from £250,000 in 1970 when part of it was destroyed during a safety test, to over £4 million when work

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was completed this year.
If the Year of the Pier is launched on the Palace Pier in Brighton, the celebrations will be in sight of the sad hulk of the East Pier — Grade I listed and regarded as architecturally far more interesting. Local conservationists started within two years the have been battling to save it for years, and still hope for cause the public would be at lottery money help, but each risk.

year more is washed away and the end of the pier is now

Bognor Regis pier is still open, but its admirers don't think it will last long enough to join in the party. The West Sussex pier dating from 1865 once had a 1.400-seater theatre and cinema, but now has a tatty amusements hall. The Pavilion, isolated by storms in 1964, each in a blis-

storms in 1964, sank in a bliz-zard the following year.

The owners want to demol-ish 40 metres of the sea end, the council is threatening to serve a dangerous structures notice and close it to the pub-lic, and negotiations have broken down with a charity seeking to buy it and restore it with lottery money. Full restoration is estimated at 1850,000. Negotiations broke down over the sale price. The owners, Harrison Automatics, valued it at £600,000 - the charity offered £80,000, on the advice of the district valuer.

Paul Wells, a 22-year-old member of the Charitable Pier Company and co-author of a book on the pier's history. says: "We don't know what's going to happen to it. We go down after every high tide to check it's still there. It's really very sad."

Up in Southport, mean-while, the trustees of the country's first purpose-built pleasure pier hope National Lottery funds may save their 1,211-yard Victorian structure with £2.708 million from the heritage fund towards a £3.71-million business plan to preserve and enhance the 1860 listed structure.

The trust has already won a £641,000 grant from the European regional development fund and £150,000 from Sefton council. It plans to find another \$210,000 from donations and fund-raising.
But according to a recent

inspection report, unless major refurbishment is pier will have to close be-



Sea of troubles . . . Southport's 1860 pier, which faces closure without £2.7m lottery funds to save itphotograph don maphee

## control goes to US

HE support of Britain's nuclear deter-rent force is about to be handed over to an US-owned company at a cost about £100 million higher than the last figure the Gov-ernment mentioned.

Three centuries after De-vonport became a royal naval dockyard the Ministry of Defence is steering it towards a new status as a privately owned operation under the control of a Texas energy conglomerate. The vehicle for this contentious move is a forthcoming contract to refit the Royal Navy's Trident nu-

Only a few weeks ago it looked as if the increased price being demanded by De-vonport Management Limited (DML) to build a nuclearcapable dock — probably 40 per cent more than its original bid — bad persuaded the Ministry of Defence to abandon privatisation and do the job itself, but the Secretary of State Michael Portillo was not prepared to face such an embarrassing U-turn, and has told his officials to try again.

The crucial difference in their new plan is that DML will be controlled by a US company. DML's three share holders, Brown and Root, BICC, and the Weir Group. have agreed to rearrange their holdings so that Brown and Root — itself a wholly owned subsidiary of the Texas energy conglomerate Halliburton — will have a controlling stake.

The prospect of the Trident refit programme ultimately being run from Dallas has prompted fresh concern among the dockyard's worksuccession of redundancies. David Jamieson, Labour MP for Plymouth Devonport, has raised the further question of whether the support of Brit-ain's nuclear deterrent force should be at the mercy of international share dealings. "What is to stop a hostile country taking over Brown and Root?" he said.

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DML won the job of sup-porting the Trident nuclear leterrent force in 1993, bidding £64 million less than its Scottish rival, the Rosyth naval dockyard. The refit pro-gramme will eventually be worth £5 billion. The con-struction cost of the Trident dock was given by the MoD as £236 million

When the bill finally comes in it is expected to be about £100 million higher, part of which is attributable to inflation. Tighter nuclear safety standards are another factor. particularly a requirement that a submarine under refit must be able to survive an earthquake which breaches

the dry dock gate. However, Mr Jamieson suspects that the main addition to the taxpayer's bill will result from privatising the

dockyard. The US owners will have to accept financial liability, for example in the event of a nu-

### 'What is to stop a hostile country taking over Brown and Root?

clear accident, which were previously covered by the Crown's immunity.

Dockyard sources deny this, arguing that Crown immunity was removed eight years ago when DML took over the management of the yard. So while nuclear safety problems may affect the sale valuation of the dockyard, the charge of ownership should change of ownership should not affect the cost of the Trident refit dock.

The construction estimate submitted to the MoD in 1993 bitrary specification designed to ensure direct comparison with the rival bid from Rosyth. The figures are now being reworked to fit the Devonport site take account of new nuclear safety rules, and cover commercial risks the new operators must assume under more complex terms and conditions of contract.

## Police stop music for missing girl

ETECTIVES stopped the music at a night-club where new year revellers were celebrating to appeal for information about eenager Louise Smith who has been missing for a week. Louise, 18, disappeared after leaving the Spirals club at Yate, near Bristol, after a Christmas Eve party. A for-mer boyfriend said he saw her get into a blue Ford Fiests car, thought to have been driven by a woman called Emma. Officers attempted to jog the memories of partygoers who may have been at the club at the same time as This was virtually a



Louise Smith: last seen early on Christmas Dav

week after the Christmas party Louise had attended."

said a police spokesman. The I Christmas Day as she left the club is a popular venue and many of the youngsters are regular visitors.

Uniformed and plainclothes police handed out leaf-lets and interviewed revellers after asking the DJ to halt the music so they could make an appeal for information.

The spokesman said there was an "excellent response and we now have lots more

material to sift through and helo us in our search" However, the operation had

brought no startling revela-tions. Police remain "ex-tremely concerned" for Louise, but say they are keep-ing an open mind about what might have happened to her.
The clerical assistant was last seen shortly after 2am on | black high-heeled shoes.

club - less than a mile from her home at Chipping Sod-bury — with friends. She de-clined their offer of a lift in a taxi, but was later seen to get into the blue Fiesta. Police say they are trying to trace the car and driver.

Officers have stressed Louise's disappearance is totally out of character. She had not taken any extra money or clothes from home. She was looking forward to

spending Christmas with her family and had wrapped pre-sents for them which remain under their Christmas tree. Louise was wearing a dark blue and green checked jacket over a white satin blouse and black satin dress. She had

## BYTHE **NIGERIA HIGH** COMMISSION ON THE ONIBIYO DEPORTATION MATTER

- 1. The attention of the Nigeria High Commission has been drawn to the plight of the Onibiyo family who are facing the unfortunate prospect of forced separation through the deportation to Nigeria of some members of their family. The High Commission has also noted the ongoing campaign to halt further through deportations protestations and the judicial process.
- 2. The High Commission regrets that the campaigners for the Onibiyo family have found it exigent to resort to the despicable tactic of denigrating the Nigerian Government as a means to an end. The insinuations are that Mr Abdul Onibiyo who was recently deported to Nigeria some weeks ago has not been in communication with his family and so may have been arrested by the Nigerian authorities on account of his so-called prodemocracy activities and opposition to the Nigerian Government.
- The Nigeria High Commission wishes to state unequivocally that Mr Abdul Onibiyo is not being held by any branch of the Nigerian law enforcement and security services. Extensive inquiries made in Nigeria has shown that Mr Onibiyo was never in the Nigeria Police WANTED LIST for any crime or any offence treasonable to the Nigerian state. In fact Mr Abdul Onibiyo is not a politician and was not known by the

Nigerian authorities to be engaged in any political activities or campaigns either in Nigeria or in the United The Nigeria law Kingdom. enforcement agencies have no reason to detain Mr Abdul Onibiyo or his son Ade Onibiyo.

- While the Nigeria High Commission, in consideration of its consular responsibilities to all Nigerians resident in the United Kingdom will not encourage measures that will result in the disruption of family unity through avoidable deportations, it nonetheless finds it unacceptable that individuals should resort to the unconscionable tactic of maligning the Nigerian government to achieve selfserving ends. This is most unpatriotic and ignores the long term damage that could be done to the image of the
- 5. The Nigeria High Commission wishes to seize this opportunity to appeal to Nigerians in the United Kingdom to endeavour to remain law abiding so that they do not find themselves in situations that would necessitate the use of such desperate tactics. This is the only way they can uphold the honour and integrity of Nigeria in all

NIGERIA HIGH COMMISSION LONDON

## Parents join Thai hunt for daughter

Tom Sharratt

old British woman who has gone missing in Thailand have appealed for anyone who may have seen her to help them find out what has happened to her Johanne Masheder was due to return home to Cheshire

for Christmas, but failed to catch her flight from Bangkok to Heathrow on December 21. Interpol has been alerted and That police have started a

Her parents, Stuart and Jackie Masheder, of Wincle, near Macclesfield, have flown

they believe their daughter may have been heading, to help in the hunt.

Johanne, newly qualified as a solicitor and about to take up a job with a firm in London, set off on a round-theworld trip in September. She had been backpacking in Thailand and last spoke to

her mother on December 7, when she was in the northern town of Chiang Mai. She said she was enjoying herself and was looking forward to the rest of the trip. She was due to travel to Bang

kok the next day. A friend in England got a postcard from there dated December 8. She

to southern Thailand, where has not been heard of since. "I company, said the family was they believe their daughter thought she might have had very close and Johanne — may have been heading, to problems travelling around known as Jo — was a sensible but I became really worried when she missed the plane," said Mr Masheder. "She had Christmas, her

sister Kate's 21st birthday and a new job with a firm of London solicitors to look for-

ward to."
A Cheshire police spokesman said yesterday it was totally out of character for Johanne not to get in touch with home if there had been a change of plan. The British ssy in Bangkok is being kept up to date on the search. Mr Mashederand his wife are based at the island resort of Ko Samui, off the south-east coast of Thailand.

person.
"There is no doubt something has happened to her be-cause if it had just been a

change of plan she would have done everything to get in touch with us. He said he and his wife felt they had to fly out to help in the search, but "the trail has been completely cold so far", private detectives and put out

press and radio adverts.

He said: "What we would really like to do is alert anyone who may have been trav-elling with Jo in the north at the beginning of December, or on her way to Bangkok on De-cember 3, or after that travel-Mr Masheder, a business cember 8, o manager with a chemicals ling south."

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## Vacancies at JobCentres 'do not pay living wage'

through JobCentres do not pay a living wage for a couple with two children, according to a year-end analysis of vacancy data from all the major JobCentres in Greater

It shows that more than nine out of 10 jobs pay less than £200 a week. "There is little doubt that similar results would be found around the country since Greater Manchester is by no means unique," said the report's author Gabrielle Cox. of the Manchester-based Low Pay Unit.

A quarter of all the jobs paid below the National In- Greater Manchester Low Pay surance threshold of £58 a Unit, 23 New Mount Street, week, and more than 45 per | Manchester M4 4DE. £7.50.

■OST vacancies available | cent paid less than £100 a week, the survey showed. The average hourly rate of pay was just £3.66 an hour, while 12 per cent of jobs paid less than £2.76 per hour and only 20 per cent paid more than £4.15 an hour.

"Unemployed people are becoming increasingly frus-trated by their inability to find jobs which would support a family," said Mrs Cox. "Lack of reasonably-paid jobs is a significant contributor to the growing reliance on benefits among families with children."

Jobwatch '95, Available from

## Museum at risk in boot sale ban

THE upkeep of a Grade 1 listed house whose grounds are home to a privately owned photographic museum is under threat after the local council banned fundraising car boot sales on the

site, writes Geoffrey Gibbs.

Bowden House, a magnifi-cent Tudor building with Regency facade set in 12 acres of wooded grounds outside Totnes. South Devon, has been restored by the Petersen family since they bought the dilapidated property almost

20 years ago. Funds for renovation have come in part from car boot sales, which supplement the income from visitors to the house and the Petersens' Brit-ish Photographic Museum.

But villagers complained about congestion in the narrow country lanes leading to the house, and South Hams district council in November gave the family three months

to stop the sales.

Joan Petersen, who helps son Chris and his wife, says the \$200 a week revenue from the boot sales is essential to meet the maintenance costs. The family would be chal-

lenging the council's ban.
John Eaton, the council planning officer, said: "If they come to us and we can discuss the matter, we will seek to resolve it."



Family concern . . . the Petersens at Bowden House: Belinds(left) and husband Christoper with Mr Petersen's parents, Keith and Joan - PHOTOGRAPH: THE CUST

## News in brief

## **Attempted murder** charges follow attack

A SUPERMARKET worker yesterday faced 10 charges of attempted murder after shoppers and staff were stabled in a knife attack. Shahid Iqbal, aged 22, of Small Heath, Birmingham, is also accreed of also accused of attempting to cause grievous bodily harm to two

police officers.

Iqbal, a shelf stacker at the Netto store in Bordesley Green.
Birmingham, where the attack took place, was remanded in custody for eight days by city magistrates. There was no

application for ball.

Five people remain in hospital recovering from stab wounds following the attack on Friday. Five others have been treated

## Fire Service callouts up 60pc

THE Fire Service has dealt with 60 per cent more incidents a year since 1982/83, according to figures produced by the House of Commons Library. The statistics, disclosed by Labour yesterday to support its campaign against cuts in the funding of the service, show a 22 per cent rise in call-outs to fires, a 66 per cent increase in other incidents and a 121 per cent rise in false alarms.

North Yorkshire, Tyne & Wear, West Yorkshire, Berkshire, Cambridgeshire, Cleveland, Cheshire and Gwynedd brigades have all seen their workload more than double in 11 years.

### Appeal over 'frenzied' murder

POLICE hunting the killer of a pensioner murdered at his home in a "brutal and frenzied" attack yesterday appealed for informa-tion from the public. Detectives said Frederick Barnet, aged 70, regularly sold tobacco and cigarettes to local people and friends. They wanted to speak to anyone who visited him recently and

people who saw his visitors.

Mr Barnet's nephew found his body on Saturday at his home in Hull, Humberside, where he is believed to have lived alone. He had suffered head and chest injuries from a blunt instrument and

### Police unit for stadium

PREMIERSHIP leaders Newcastle United yesterday unveiled what is claimed to be the most advanced police facility at any stadium in the world. The new complex featuring a computerised custody suite, was opened by John Stevens, the Chief Constable of Northumbria and the United chairman Sir John Hall.

The £80,000 unit, jointly funded by the police and the club, means anyone arrested at a St James's Park match can be interviewed, charged and balled, directly from the ground to the court. It includes a fingerprint and photographic suite, detention cells for up to 50 prisoners, a room for taping interviews, another for writing reports and doctors' examination rooms.

## Fishing quota warning

A TORY MP warned yesterday of further cuts in fishing quotas as the Royal Navy patrolled the Irish Box, an area west of Britain and surrounding Ireland, in readiness for the arrival of the Spanish fleet. David Barris, the fisheries committee chairman who voted against the Government on the Spanish access issue in the Commons, has written to the Prime Minister calling on him to amend the Common Fisheries Policy under which foreign boats are admitted to British waters.

Up to 40 Spanish craft at a time have been allowed into the Irish Box under a European Union agreement bitterly opposed by UK

## Attacked woman dies

AN elderly widow who suffered a fractured skull in a street attack on Boxing Day has died in hospital. Evelyn Stanford, aged 83, was

of Boxing Day.
On Saturday three men appeared before Wolverhampton magistrates charged with robbing her. Police will wait until a post mortem today before deciding on further charges.

## Water chaos in thaw

Angella Johnson

HOUSANDS of homes were flooded and some communities faced water shortages yesterday as freezing conditions gave way to a thaw, bursting water mains and domestic pipes

across the country.
In Strathclyde, 500,000 homes had burst pipes over the holiday. And although engineers worked non-stop to restore mains supplies, for many people returning from holiday breaks to flooded homes could only switch off their supply at the mains.

More than 100,000 homes in | pipes burst over the weekend, Northern Ireland were also without water, and rationing out with calls. was introduced as reservoirs emptied. Tankers are in use in some areas. The Water Sertimes but teams were work-vice said around 20 per centing to restore services. "Cus-

affected by rota cuts of be-tween two and 12 hours.

Millions of gallons have been lost through burst pipes following the coldest December on record, when tempera tures fell below minus 14C.

Thousands of consumers in the Carmarthen area of west Wales spent the day without water because of a burst main linking a treatment works and the River Towy. Anglian Water reported

dozens of calls to deal with burst mains and to cut off supplies to empty houses. A spokesman for authorities in Essex and Suffolk, where hundreds of mains

said: 'The phones are blocked Thames water said custon ers were cut off at various sure their pipes are properly lagged and that in really cold spells heating should be left on as much as possible to pre-vent freezing." a spokesman

According to weathermen, the Christmas freeze prevented 1995 being the warmest year on record. Until the final days of the year, Britain had average daily temperatures of 10.71C — marginally above 1949, the hottest 12 months since records began

336 years ago.
But the weather did not stop hundreds of thousands of revellers greeting the dawn of 1996 with celebrations across the country. In London, around 70,000 packed into Trafalgar Square, with 20,000 area, while 300,000 gathered in central Edinburgh for a celebration claiming to be

## Old train steams into 1996

Geoffrey Gibbs takes a ride on a privately restored branch line axed 24 years ago

Sasts were out in force in Dorset yesterday for the first New Year's Day service between Swanage and the village of Corfe Castle since the branch line

was axed 24 years ago.

Among the passengers aboard the first of the fourcoach trains to pull out of Swanage behind the Drummond M7 tank engine was Will Brook, a retired elec-tronics engineer, who rode the last British Rail service on the line on January 1,

1972. from the 8,800-member parking facilities are good, Southern Steam Trust have was attracting people into painstakingly restored the 5%-mile link and its rolling "We have been

TEAM train enthusi- | stock since the trust took possession of Swanage station in 1976. Trains started running to

Corfe Castle and Norden last August, and further improvements will be in-troduced this year when the signal box at Corfe Castle has been reconne and a new signal box is completed at Harman's Cross, the half-way point. David Green, passenger services manager for Swanage Railway, which operates the line on behalf of the trust, said the line's ex-

services daily since Boxing Day, and passenger load-ings have been signifi-cantly up," he said. "De-spite the miserable weather it's doing very well today."

The service will now close until the school halfterm boliday in February. after which a weekend service will run until Easter before the daily service resumes through the

Mr Brook works four days a week helping to fishermen. restore locomotives at the railway company's engineering works. He and his wife had travelled on the line for their honeymoon in London in 1960, and took their children on the BR closed in 1972. "Today was a very pleas

ant reminiscence of the old "We have been running trains," he said.

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"The terrible war crimes in the former Yugoslavia must be atoned for and not swept under the carpet," he said. "If necessary, aid for reconstruction will have to be linked to the prosecu-tion of war criminals."—

a head of state in July that Philippe Pétain's administra-tion, from 1940 to 1944, was guilty of abominable crimes. The prosecutor-general in Bordeaux, Jean Defos du Rau, was given the go-ahead to complete the charge sheet and it seems that only Mr Papon's

death could cheat justice.
Precise charges will be decided by judges in a chambre d'accusation in March, but Mr Defos du Rau's 184-pags inthe Jewish community.

In occupied Bordeaux, the

with the Nazis and made no effort to save threatened families, except those of "inter-esting Jews" — French war heroes whom Pétain prom-ised to protect but were nevertheless among the 75,000 Jews sent to die in Germany. Mr Defos du Rau says Mr

## Bosnia war crimes threat

GERMANY'S foreign minister, Klaus Kinkel, warned leaders in former Yugoslavia yesterday that economic aid to the ravaged region could depend on their co-operation in bringing war criminals to justice.

dictment claims that a 12-year investigation into Mr Papon's role as secretary-general of the Gironde département from 1942 proved that he had the power of life and death over

chy Jewish Statute authorised the internment of thou-sands of foreign Jews in French concentration camps.

children — most of whom were gassed in Auschwitz. The prosecutor-general says Mr Papon collaborated

Papon was better placed than Chirac's election and his long anyone to know the eventual overdue public admission by fate of the Jews he deported.

farmers over between har-

vest and sowing. The local Izvestia corre-

spondent, Viktor Fillipov, found that 19.2 billion rou-bles of the subsidy had been

re-routed from a state bank

to a private bank co-founded by Mr Podgornov's

brother Polickt.

The subsidy is given in the form of a loan, with a 10 per cent interest rate.
Polickt's bank, called Tra-

dition, began lending this money at higher interest rates. The beneficiaries were local businessmen.

who used the money to buy

plywood rather than grain,

or farms run by Poliekt or his wife, Zinaida.

Mr Podgornov does not

deny what is going on. "We have got the permission of the ministry of finance to create a regional food fund. We got 27 billion roubles. Before, not a single kopeck

was returned to the state budget. But thanks to our management the sum has grown from 27 billion to al-

most 60 billion roubles," he

seid. The state auditor dis-

agrees. In a letter to Yuri Skuratov, the prosecutor-general he wrote that from

July 1994 to August 1995 between 19 billion and 27 billion roubles had been

"disoriented", and he suspected that a circle of high-

ranking local politicians

had a personal interest in

The power of the provincial governor depends

## Vichy official to be tried for aiding Nazis

HE most sinister and cowardly side of France's Vichy period is revealed in an indictment of Maurice Papon, a wartime senior civil servan and a cabinet minister in the 1970s, accused of deporting bundreds of Jews to their

The Bordeaux public prosecutor's office wants Mr Papon, now aged 85, tried in late spring for crimes against humanity: a hearing which would confirm French bureaucratic complicity in the Nazi's Final Solution.

After the war Mr Papon escaped prosecution, despite an active role in rounding up deportees. He became Paris police chief in 1958 and a conservative minister under Valéry Giscard d'Estaing in

The case shows that General Charles de Gaulle ig-nored Mr Papon's collaboration with the Nazis, the beginning of a 50-year cover-up involving presidents, gov-ernments, the judiciary and the police. A show trial has been made

possible by the retirement of the Socialist president Francois Mitterrand, who opposed an examination of the Vichy period. The Gaullist government — Bordeaux's mayor is the prime minister. Alain Juppé - is determined to end years of high-level reluctance to investigate civil service culpability for the paperwork and administration that led to mass murder.

Jacques Chirac's election as Gaullist president in May speeded up the investigation. Deportees' families brought a private prosecution against Mr Papon in 1963, but obstruction led by Mr Mitterrand, a Vichy official at the beight of the deportations, put the accused in such a strong position that he successfully sued newspapers who speculated about his

Mr Mitterrand said he was opposed to trials of Vichy eaders because the opening of old wounds threatened

Opposition melted with Mr

## High price for

David Hearst in Vologda reports on a newspaper's

Yeltsin. In a letter to the editor, Vladimir Pansirev, Mr Yeltsin wrote: "This is an

power in Vologda.

preaches. But his office was fire-bombed over Christ-mas. His deputy editor, Roman Romanyenko, was beaten up as he was walking home last month.

Vologda is a sleepy provincial town in the frozen north and the newspaper's assailants were not quite a mysterious as they might have wished. The firehomber was caught red-handed by a police patrol. They found he had an offi-cial "trust" document, allowing him to drive his

tails. The car's owner was a local businessman who had been named in an investigative piece on the region's fi-nances by the newspaper Izvestia — which was reprinted in Russian North

– in August. Attacks on local journal

But official commissions

Mr Papon was responsible for "Jewish affairs". The Vi-

prosecutor general alleges, Mr Papon was responsible for the deportation of 1,690 Jews - including more than 200

## grains of truth Mr Podgornov and his in-dependent editor disagreed about the way the region disburses the state grain subsidy, intended to tide

battle against

abuse of power

RISSIAN NORTH is a local newspaper proud of its independence. Its launch five years ago by some democratically minded journalists was noticed by President Boris

important step in the establishment of real public

Mr Pansirev is still trying to practise what he

In the car the police found more Molotov cock-

ists have become so marked that the local council recently passed a resolution condemning the attacks on Russian North and called for an investigation. The town's newly elected independent deputy, Vladimir Lopatin, has promised to raise the matter in the State Duma.

have come and gone. Nothing has happened, because power in the region is Niko-lai Podgornov, the governor. When he speaks to his newspaper, appropriately called Governorship News. be is quoted with a capital G, a custom reserved for

today, as in Gogol's time, not on a regional electorate but on Moscow. Mr Pansirev said: "This is a conflict between journalists and a man who genninely feels he does not represent anyone. He feels as he if owns the place, so the question of responsibility

But Mr Podgornov is likely to lose if elections for a new regional governor are held later this year. He is a supporter of Our Home the man with the real is Russia, the prime minister. Viktor Chernomyrdin's party, which came third in the recent parliamentary elections in Vologda. The extreme nationalist Vladimir Zhirinovsky's party came first. In a way, you can see why.

does not arise."

## EU says confidence in Palestine elections has been lost ● Presidential altering of rules should cease Arafat 'tinkers with polls'

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HE Palestinian eader, Yasser Arafat, was sharply criticised yesterday by European Union observers of this month's general election for persistently meddling with the polling

The PLO chief was lambasted — though not named — in a statement, headed Enough is Enough, from the head of the EU election unit, the former Swedish diplomat Carl

He obliquely questioned the independence of the election commission appointed by Mr Arafat and complained of con-fusion and uncertainty caused by a stream of decrees altering the election

procedure.

He said: "The European
Union electoral unit believes
that the series of improvisations and irregularities should now cease if the forth-coming elections are to retain any credibility, both locally and internationally, and calls on the Palestinian National Authority and its chaircan Authority and its chairman [Mr Arafat] to take urgent steps to try to build public and international confidence

in the election process."

An official of the central election commission said last night that it was meeting to consider the EU statement

The strong language reflects the growing exaspera-tion of the EU and other observers, who were warmly welcomed at the outset of the election process but have lately been given the cold shoulder by the Palestinian

Authority. The original election commission resigned last month to clear the way for a new, supposedly neutral commis-sion to oversee the nomination of candidates, the campaign, and the polling, scheduled for January 20.

Mr Arafat, who took 40 days to promulgate the election law, finally signed it in early December. Since then he has issued decree after decree tinkering with procedure and in some cases making signifi-

cant alterations. Observers of his operating style are not surprised. For 30 funded the election process, years he has insisted on running the Palestinian cause as a one-man band. His dreds more international come the central feature of self-rule government, in which littleis contemplated, let alone achieved, without

The election machine, as-

electoral commission office in He has arbitrarily in-

creased the number of seats in the new council, from 82 to 87 at the last count. He has ordered the reopening of can-didate nominations in all con-stituencies, not just the ones

allocated extra seats.

Registration of electors was continuing last week, almost a fortnight after it was supposed to be completed. Most ominously, the official cam-paigning period has been cut from 22 to 14 days, which, says Mr Lidbom, "breaches the Election Law and adds to the difficulties of the independent candidates and the oppo-

sition parties". Mr Arafat has also, belatedly, appointed a PLO aide, Mahmud Abbas, to head the election commission. Mr Abbas, better known as Abu Mazen, was a principal architect of the first self-rule accord with Israel and is still said to be a close confidant of the PLO leader. He has yet to meet the EU observers to discuss their concerns.

Yesterday's statement ac-

The first allocation of council seats was done by

decree

idly noted: "At such a meet-ing Mr Lidbom would have listened with interest to an explanation of why the central election commission was not set up earlier and why none of the allocations of seats was issued in the name of the central election commission, the supreme body organising the elections, which was given that specific task in the election law.

"The first allocation of seats was done instead by presidential decree and the number of seats has subsequently been changed twice, also by presidential decree. Mr Lidbom would also have welcomed reassurance from Mr Abbas about the political independence of the central

The EU, which has largely monitors are expected from Japan, Norway, Canada and

Yesterday Reporters Sans Frontières issued a report on election coverage by Palestinian radio and television. It



## Desert hawk assumes control in Saudi Arabia

King Fahd has passed the reins to Prince Abdullah (pictured below). Ian Black reports on a smooth succession solution



RINCE Abdullah bin has been seized by Islamist Assad — dissidents, especially the Lonwife. He by the alling King Fahd don-based Committee for the to look after the affairs of the Defence of Legitimate Rights. Saudi state, is a traditional figure who is expected to balance alliances without changing

the Western orientation of the world's foremost oil power. At 71, the crown prince and first deputy prime minister is only slightly younger than the king. But he is in better health, and has a solid reputa-

tion and a strong power base. As commander of the 57,000-strong National Guard since 1963, he controls the regime's most important internal security organisation and has resisted attempts to merge it with the armed forces, headed by his half-brother Prince Sultan, the de-

He is disadvantaged by being only a half-brother of King Fabd. Both are sons of Abdel Aziz Ibn Saud, founder of Sandi Arabia, but Prince Abdullah bas a different

Yesterday's announcement of the takeover was clearly intended to quash speculation about internal bickering over the succession - a theme that In the past Prince Sultan has made no secret of his ambition to be king. He is King

Fahd's full brother, one of the seven so-called "Sudeiri brothers", who are all sons of Ibn Saud's favourite wife. Hassa bint Ahmad Sudeiri.

cautious policy on the two key issues for Saudi foreign policy: the future of Iraq, battered by United Nations sanc tions, and the Arab-Israeli

peace process.
Yesterday's announcement Prince Sultan is said to be Yesterday's announcement preferred by the United appears to confirm Prince

Washington.

wife. He favours good ties with Britain and France to

prince.

of responsibility — King Fahd did not abdicate. "This is the orderly transi-

"This is what the crown prince is supposed to do. The when Fahd does go: who will Abdullah appoint as crown

### This is the orderly transition. It is what the crown prince is supposed to do'

States, which remembers his Abdullah's position and ex-friendly approach in the Gulf perts say it does not matter war. The US also admires whether it marks a tempo-Sultan's son Prince Bandar. Washington. By contrast, Prince Abdul-

lah is thought to have been unhappy about the large and unprecedented US presence in the kingdom during the campaign to liberate Kuwait. On the Arab scene Prince
Abdullah has long been close
to Syria — often dealing with
a tricky President Hafez al-

While the police chief

would not comment, officials

believe the 18 belong to the Pakistan-based Mahajar

Qumi Movement, and suspect

a plot to disrupt the annual

summit of the Asia-Pacific

perts say it does not matter whether it marks a tempo-rary or permanent takeover

tion," said one experienced Saudi-watcher.

Prince Abdullah, a keen

Iran has withdrawn its film A tiger in Calcutta zoo killed entry for an Oscar award to a drunken youth who tried to protest against moves in Congress to fund covert action against the Iranian government, Tehran newspapers said yesterday.

Economic Co-operation forum due to be held in November. The White Balloon, an award winner at the Cannes film festival, was submitted as Iran's entry in the foreignlanguage category. - Reuter.

### Moi's sex ban

President Daniel arap Mol of Kenya has banned distribution of a family planning book, Family Life, published York.

A California breeder, ning from lions for a long A California breeder, believes Diane Richards, believes time and they are real union between a Grant's semination to impregnate tion of America, because it feet "she said. Zorses, she zebra and a thoroughbard to the said semination to impregnate tion of America, because it talks about sex. the news-lists. - AP.

Frozen to death Two New Year revellers froze to death in Moscow early yes-

## terday when they collapsed in icy streets after heavy drink-ing sessions, Interfax news agency said. — Reuter.

A group of Americans flew back to Manila yesterday after being released from their five-day captivity in a

## **News in brief**

## Philippines arrests 18 Middle Eastern terror suspects

the task of hosting the the task of hosting the summit of Asia-Pacific Saudi Arabian passports, were seized in a series of government, the heads of government, the Philippines has arrested 18 Middle East men suspected of planning a terrorist strike on the meeting, Nick Cumming-Bruce in Bangkok reports.

est in equine cross-breed-ing, writes Ian Katz in New

The arrested men, mostly carrying Iraqi, Sudanese and raids in Manila on Friday and Sunday. The police recovered explosives and bomb components, 49 Philippines pass-ports, and maps of Manila.

No, it's a "zorse", the lat-est in equine cross-breed with the placid nature of white Cloud, who

horses have been run-

The interior secretary, Rafael Aliman, has identified one detainee, Adel Annon, as the brother of Ramzi Youssef. extradited to the US from Pakistan last year to stand trial for masterminding the 1993 World Trade Centre bombing. Mr Annon denies the link.

White Cloud, who has

long white legs and greyish

Fleet-footed crossbreed points the way to zebra-striped horses S it a borse? Is it a zebra? | foal, White Cloud, will com- | believes, could be "the | mare. The diminutive statleft to their own devices, they can mate only with Diane Richards, believes | time and tary are selected a grant's semination to impregner her improbable looking fast," she said. Zorses, she | zebra and a thoroughbred | mares at \$1,500 a time.

paper Daily Nation said yes-terday, — Reuter. Iran pulls out of Oscars Killed by tiger

## place a garland on it, news agencies reported. - Reuter.

by the family for his rapport with the tribal Bedouin. He is

at home in Saudi Arabia's de-sert heartland, hunting with his falcons and living among

the Bedouin. He is popular in spite of a pronounced stutter. He is thought not to speak English.

Anyone ruling Saudi Arabia faces huge problems: lower oil revenues and huge

Gulf-war costs were a rude shock and the kingdom is

only now bringing its fi-nances under control after a

are some signs of this, al-though the family remains se-

cretive, which encourages al-legations of corruption, as does its obvious extravagance

and profligate spending on hi-

No one is putting any money on the next stage of

succession, but it looks like this: a formal takeover by

Crown Prince Abdullah, to be

followed by Prince Sultan. His crown prince is likely to be Prince Salman, the influ-

ential governor of Riyadh,

tech Western weapons.

decade of soaring deficits. Modernising Saudis acknowledge that the regime needs to be more open. There

Hostages fly home

Philippines mountain resort by suspected Muslim extrem-

## **David Beresford**

reveals the story of the hippy turned ANC freedom fighter who blew up two about-tobe-commissioned nuclear reactors near Cape Town. The saboteur fled the country by bicycle, eventually marrying his accomplice in England. Even today the ANC is reluctant to talk about the most audacious act of sabotage in the antiapartheid struggle



Happy ending ... Rodney Wilkinson and Heather Gray after their wedding in Woodbridge, Suffolk

## Man who spiked apartheid's Bomb

T IS one of the curios tonium for the construction of suring the minimum risk to they drove back to their home in the cape Town suburb of apartheid that few The ANC, whose ranks had They honed down possible Claremont when the cape Town suburb of the curios atomic bombs. people, even South Africans, recall the African National Congress's most sig-nificant military coup. Even the ANC shows a reluctance when evoking the glories of the struggle, to make much of the day it bombed Cape Town's Koeberg nuclear power plant. It is almost as if ity to acknowledge the act.

But, after flerce resistance from some quarters of the new South African establishment, the Guardian is finally able to disclose at least the bare bones of this extraordisaga, on December 18, 1982. It is one which deserves recording, if not simply as a story of derring-do, at least as a cautionary tale for the nu-

The almost unbelievable attack was carried out by a one-time national fencing champion — who dropped out of university and joined a commune near Koeberg in the late 1970s. The operation was born of chance. When the community ran out of money who had studied building science as well as politics. reluctantly took a job at the then under

construction. He worked there for 18 months. Encouraged by his girlfriend, Heather Gray, a speech therapist, he stole a set of the building plans. The dependent Zimbabwe with the idea that they could be used by the ANC to attack the French-built nuclear installaat the time, would be used hy South Africa to produce plu- African authorities while en-

Pretoria's spies, and which had recently had one of its agents jailed on charges of nu-



clear espionage, was initially suspicious of the white South African who nitched up on its doorstep, claiming to have penetrated what was assumed to be the most secure installation in South Africa.

After lengthy delays, dur-ing which the stolen plans were authenticated by Soviet and Western nuclear scien-tists, and Mr Wilkinson was vetted, the ANC invited him to carry out the attack him-self. He was taken aback by the request, but agreed and returned to South Africa. To his surprise he gained fres employment at Koeberg, with the task of mapping pipes and valves at the installation, for

use in case of emergency. The ANC appointed a guer-rilla commander in Swaziland to act as Mr Wilkinson's handler. Once a month he visited the mountain kingdom a favourite resort for whites in search of illicit pleasures not available in puritanical South Africa — under the pretence of enjoying a "dirty weekend". There he and his handler thrashed out strategy, designed to maximise embarrassment to the South

human life.
They honed down possible targets to the two reactor heads, another section of the containment building, and a concentration of electric cables under the main control room. The choice of the reactor heads, which would be used to control the nuclear reaction, was to maximise the unlikely to be seriously affected by the blasts, but they would demonstrate the ANC's capacity to hit at the heart of

niently dug by their puppy Gaby. From there Mr Wilkinson

smuggled the mines one by one, in a hidden compartment of the Renault. through the perimeter security fence at the nuclear installation, depositing them in a desk office. He then carried them hidden in his overalls through a security gate into

the main building. The build-up to the attack was laying him off at the end of the month, but later asked him to stay for another month. He turned this scare to his advantage — telling the company that in the interim he had taken another job and would have to leave on December 17, thereby obtaining cover for his planned

As it transpired, Mr Wilkindate of December 16, but finished planting the bombs the following day, a Friday. Set-ting the fuses to a 24-hour delay so that they would exrity. The authorities at Koe-berg have since made the extraordinary claim that they not only anticipated the attack but had pin-pointed the In a recent book on the his-

tory of the plant, a former executive, Paul Semark, is quoted as saying: "We knew the ANC would not target Koeberg once nuclear fuel was there, and that they would try to attack at a time which would ensure the least

loss of life.
"We even pinpointed De

cember 16 1982, which was The other two targets were was marked by a series of plode on the Saturday, when public holiday, as the likely chosen to cause as much damnear-mishaps. At one stage an the knew the target areas date." Their inability to

the tension must have been too much for me: I drank the vodka." he recounts wryly. Detained in the guard room, he was released after being given a warning by a security officer whom he knew from

the local squash club. Mr Wilkinson says his worst moment was wh was on his way to plant the second mine in the Reactor One containment building and spotted a guard watching him with apparent suspicion. "My legs were like jelly and I could feel beads of perspiration on my face." He detoured and placed the device at alternative target the ANC

He was also caught breach-

ing security at the nuclear

plant, but nothing was done

bout it. Alcohol was banned

in the plant. Testing security by smuggling in a bottle of

vodka — roughly the shape of

a limpet mine — he was caught in possession of it

while wandering, hiccuping,

"I wanted to have a look;

you see it in all the films

this great big room with all

the main control room.

concentration of cables under the second control room. A seemingly impossible obstacle he had to overcome was carrying mines into the 'clean" area surrounding the reactors, access to which was

had identified - in another

gained through an airlock where he had to strip and don protective clothing.
But he discovered that pipe tunnels leading into the clean area had plastic diaphragms

cause of the illegality of the through the airlock himself,
Angolan invasion, did not and collect them on the other

was on cloud nine. I had been having sleepless nights about it," Mr Wilkinson recalls. ANC in South Africa and now minister of transport, after whom the project — "Opera-



how it was done; until now they have not known the identity of this couple," Mr Maharaj told the Guardian. In expectation of "vicious" retaliation by the South African security forces after the blasts, Mr Wilkinson and Ma Gray were placed under "deep cover"

attack by the South African security forces in which a couple were badly injured. which was believed to have been a misdirected act of

Mr Wilkinson flew from Swaziland to Maputo, where he met Mr Tambo in the ANC leader's office, the two men crying in each other arms at their triumph. Ms Gray, who had flown out of South Africa a week before the attack. joined Mr Wilkinson there and they flew to Britain, where they were married in Woodbridge, Suffolk.

### The damage was devastating. The authorities put it at half a billion rand and the commissioning of the plant was delayed for 18 months

age as possible. Mr Wilkinson established that nuclear fuel had been moved into the plant reactors, but was in dormant storage, which minimised any risk of radioactive

The date for the attack was set for December 16. White South Africans marked the day each year with a public holiday celebrating the battle of "Blood River" — a 19th century victory by the Boers over the Zulus. But the date and another significance: the ANC commemorated it as "MK" day, in honour of the founding of its guerrilla army. Umkhonto we Sizwe. Mr Wilkinson and Ms Gray dug up four limpet-mines from a roadside arms cache in the Karoo, a remote area of

the South African interior.

accidental short circuit started a cable fire. The incident was reported in the press and the ANC's president in exile, Oliver Tambo - who eration but not to details such as timing — released a state-ment claiming it as an ANC



security scare which ended, amid much derision towards of the blaze was confirmed by Hiding them in wine box de-canters in their Renault 5, investigators. In November the firm hir-

would be deserted, he was then forced to undergo a farewell party on the premises his fellow engineers mentally praying that the time fuses were not defective. That afternoon he flew to Johannesburg and was driven with a borrowed bicycle to a point near the Swaziland border, where he rode into extle. The bombs detonated, but not quite as planned; the springs on the firing mechanism proved brittle and the devices exploded over a period of several hours in-stead of simultaneously. But the damage was devastating.

The authorities put the cost at half a billion rand and the commissioning of the plant was delayed for 18 months. The attack was a chilling demonstration of the vulnera-bility of an atomic installa-

ground. He joined the workforce at the plant twice - on both occasions getting access to the most sensitive sectors of nuclear installation - but was never subjected to security vetting.

The apparent helplessnes

of the authorities is even

more astonishing in the light

explained.

If his background had been checked they could have dis-covered that he had a history as a military deserter and in-volvement in the anti-nuclear campaign.

Six years before, doing his national service, he had been hospitalised after wrecking an army armoured truck while going Awol with 12 col leagues during the South

bility of an atomic installa. African invasion of Angola. to keep the air clean, and he tion to sabotage, as well as a military police took state was able to simply push the reflection on the incompetiments but, apparently be-

(£3.9 billion) of taxpayers"

money to bale out seven bank-rupt jusen — housing loan

companies. This could set the

stage for parliament to be

come - unusually - the

But first Mr Ozawa has to

consolidate his rule over his

own party. He ran for the

leadership partly because he feared his ex-ally Tsutomu

forum for a serious debate.

Spotlight falls on puppet-master prime minister in 1994. Mr merely an actor playing to Mr

Ozawa's script. Despite his amiability, Mr Hata resented attempts to push him aside for a later defector from the LDP, Toshiki Kaifu, With Mr Ozawa's back-Hata to take the Shinshinto presidency in 1994.

Some commentators believe that unless Mr Ozawa offers sweeteners, Mr Hata and his allies may march out of Shinshinto, perhaps to do a deal with the LDP, and scupper Mr

## News in brief

### Karachi murder toll dents **Bhutto claim of control**

T LEAST 12 people were murdered in Karachi yesterday, exploding claims by Benazir Bhutto's government that political and ethnic violence in Pakistan's economic capital is being brought murders might have been in under control, writes Gerald

Bourke in Islamabad. Among the dead were two army captains, two policemen and a paramilitary ranger, police said. Of the 1,950 people who met violent deaths in the city last year, more than 200 the suburb of Korangi and

Officials blamed the ethnic Mohajir National Movement (MQM), which enjoys widespread support in Karachi but vehemently opposes Ms Bhutto. Officials said the retaliation for the killing by security forces last Friday of four MQM activists.

The grisliest of yesterday's killings took place when six youths tied up a milk seller and his five sons at home in were security force members. | sprayed them with gunfire.

### Hanged writer 'Man of Year'

Several Nigerian newspapers have named Ken Saro-Wiwa as their "Man of the Year", ecause of the barrage of criticism the execution of the western Liberia, began sur-Ogoni writer and activist rendering yesterday, aid brought down on military workers said. They turned up rule, writes Chris McGreal in

*Johannesburg.* Saro-Wiwa was hanged with eight other Ogonis in November for the murder of four political rivals.

**Corsican shooting** Gunmen shot dead a Corsican nationalist and three bombs | waves. - Reuter.

exploded on the island yesterday in an apparent revival of a vendetta between rival separatist groups. — Reuter.

Liberia surrender Rebels fighting African peacekeepers in Tubmanburg,

at peacekeeping positions

with their weapons, waving white flags. - Reuter. Island quake

A powerful earthquake shook Sulawesi island, Indonesia, yesterday, destroying wooden houses and triggering tidal

## **Kevin Rafferty** charts the rise of Japan's

powerful and outspoken opposition leader

dits expect a general election soon in the new year, following the choice last week of the aggressive Ichiro Ozawa as president of the opposition Shinshinto (New Frontier) party. "His election will bring into

the open tensions and battles that have been rumbling for months under the surface." said a leading commentator. A skilled operator in smoke-filled rooms, Mr Ozawa now moves into the public spotlight. He was sec-

retary-general of Shinshinto and before that held a similar job in the Liberal Democratic Party (LDP), which ruled Japan continuously for 38 years. There he learned the dark arts of political stringpulling and was groomed by Japan's supreme godfather, Shin Kanemaru, to succeed him as fixer and kingmaker.

But Kanemaru was caught split. Rivalry between Mr ernment's decision to use Ozawa and Ryutaro Hashi more than 650 billion yen

APAN'S political pun-dits expect a general election soon in the new following the choice last reign. Mr Hashimoto, trade and industry minister in the uneasy coalition government of Socialists and the conserva tive LDP, was elected LDP

Mr Ozawa is unusually opinionated and outspoken for a Japanese politician. In his book Blueprint for a New Japan, he calls for an end to cringing defeatism. He wants to see Japan assume an inter national political role comnensurate with its economic

An Ozawa-led government would be politically driven. For several years bureaucrats have ruled the roost, with politicians consigned to the role of referees in squabbles between ministries.

When parliament resumes towards the end of this month, Mr Ozawa will seize for corruption, disgraced and the opportunity to show his toppled, and his power base mettle. He will attack the gov-

Hata. Had Mr Hata become party president, Mr Ozawa might have lost his key position as secretary-general. The two men were allies when they split from the LDP. In his nine-week spell as Ozawa's greater ambitions.

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One time his minders prevented pictures being taken of (David) Cassidy when his skin flared up in spots the result of antibiotics he took perpetually as a prophylactic against venereal diseases — and tried to pass it off as teenage acne. He was 24 at the time.

Veronica Lee G2 page 9

## **Protestant rites** of the Resistance

was closely in-volved in two of the most remarkable episodes of the second world war in France. The first concerns the internment camp at Gurs, some 40 kilometres from Pau in the south-west. This deso-late and hastily built construction, distinguished by its high barbed-wire fences and sinis-ter wooden watch-towers, had been made to receive refugees from the Spanish Civil War. By September 1939 it already held some 3,000 Spaniards, and the French government decided to send their various political dissenters and aliens to join them to join them.

Conditions were bad and the American YWCA had investigated Gurs and filed alarming reports about it. They alerted an organisation which had been set up in 1939 to assist those from Alsace and Lorraine who were being evacuated from what was expected to be the main battle-field. Barot was the secretary of this organisation that was known as CIMADE (Comité inter-mouvements auprès des

Like many of the refugees Barot came from Protestant Alsace. The daughter of a Huguenot professor of Latin and Greek, Madeleine was brought up in an egalitarian atmosphere and was encouraged to study. She went from school to the Sorbonne to study history and archaeology. It was there

ment and her interest in ecumenicism was aroused.

After graduation in 1935,
Barot was given a fellowship
to continue her studies in
Rome. She was librarian at
the Ecole Française d'Archéologie for four ware and took
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then the many international
protestant charities that had
come together to form CIMADE. Nurses and food supplies arrived but the situation
remained grim.

It became catastrophic

logie for four years and took part in excavations in Crete, Greece and the Middle East and found the time to study theology part-time at a Catholic university. She also served



Barot . . . formidable

on the international committee of the Student Christian Movement and in August 1939 was a delegate to the first world conference of Christian

Barot stayed in Rome until May 1940 when Italy entered the war. She was named secretary of CIMADE and, aware of the Resistance efforts orga-nised by German Christians, determined that similar efforts should be made in occupied France.

In view of the situation at Gurs, it was decided that Or was it because of the influ-Barot and other members ence of their pastor. André that she became involved with should go and live in the the Student Christian Move-

when the Germans decided to expel Jews from their homes in Baden, and seven special trains brought 6,538 deportees, ncluding many women, and dumped them in a rain-soaked Gurs in time for the worst winter of the war, in October 1940. "If Auschwitz was hell, then Gurs was surely purga-tory," said one survivor. There were 30 deaths a day from starvation. In the quarantine barracks, men and women who had neither medicine nor beds died of typhoid.

The second time Barot featured prominently in the war was when she, and a number of other Protestant workers, all women from CIMADE, es-tablished themselves outside Le Chambon-sur-Lignon, This small town is situated in the hills, some 60 kilometres from Saint-Etienne. It has become famous because, with a population of 1,000 with some 2,000 more living in the surround-ing countryside, it gave refuge to about 5,000 Jews. All the inhabitants knew about their illegal visitors and the risks that they were running. But no one talked. Was it because the Protestants, with their memories of how they had been persecuted, had a sense of community with the Jews? ence of their pastor. André

Trocmé, who made the tradi-

tional unity of a Protestant

force? Or is this a strong example of how the majority of the French population dis-liked the racial laws of Vichy? Barot believed that the Prot-estants of Le Chambon cher-

ished the memory of their historic identity and acted with traditional independence. She liked to explain how, when the local gendarmes had to make an arrest, they would stop in the cafe and loudly discuss their intentions. Half an hour later they would effect sur-prise to find that their victim had disappeared. Heroism could be allied to comedy.

After the war Barot devoted herself to the international Christianity that had supported her and her associates during the war, especially the YWCA. She had many decorations, recognising her courage and determination, and she is honoured in Israel as "Righ-teous among the Nations."

Elizabeth Saiter adds: Practising Protestants in France are a minority community. A French Protestant woman with a formidable reputation in the domains of women in church and society, of human rights and of practical ecume-

rights and at practical ecting-nism, is rare indeed. Barot was all of those things. I met her in 1956, when I joined the Geneva staff of the then fledgling World Council of Churches, and when she was heading up a new depart-ment, named, with remarkable optimism. Co-operation of Men and Women in Church



A powerful pioneer in the male-dominated church . . . Barot and Anglican clergy in New Delhi in 1961 for the WCC 🐱

and Society. I, like others, found her somewhat intimi-dating, but she had an intimidating job. Most WCC member churches in the 1950s had hardly given more than a passing thought to the possibility of a more prominent role for women in the church. As one commentator, Susannah Herzel, wrote, "She warned against the frustration women have often felt when the church had offered them no theology except that derivative of a thoroughly

masculine orientation". Madeleine worked with the enthusiastic dedication which characterised everything she did. She travelled widely, setting up national study com-missions, consultations, theological studies, networks, using all the strategies she could devise and which

sively male-dominated society of the church. I admired her from afar, and learnt lessons from her which stood me in served as one of a minority of women on the Executive Committee for the British Council of Churches Madeleine taught a generation of young Christian women that beating a feminist drum was not enough. Responsibilities had to be tackled with conviction and professionalism, in obedience to scripture and its prac-

Our BCC International Affairs Division held regular meetings with the correspond-ing body of the French Protes-tant Federation, and one year Madeleine invited me to her apartment to stay. Over dinner, in a little local restaurant, we talked of their passionate concerns. "It gives me so much satisfaction," she said,

tical implications.

"to know that younger women are carrying the torch. There is still so much to do." By then she walked with extreme difficulty, but the national branch of the Christian anti-torture association, ACAT (Action Chrétienne pour l'Abolition de la Torture), of which she was a founding member, met regularly in her Paris apartment.

She maintained close links with CIMADE; I shared a plat-form with her in 1989, celebrating CIMADE's 50th birth-day, when she was given an affectionate reception by an audience of women, many of them refugees and migrants. She was also active in the work of SODEPAX, an official WCC-Vatican body set up

Madeleine was a woman of generous proportions in every

into Switzerland, popping them over the border fence. One night Madeleine heard the German guard coming. She herself climbed over the fence, but was caught on the top, and in her fright fell... into Switzerland, right on top into switzeriand, right on top of a Swiss guard. "And you know", she added, "I am very big!". Two days cooling off in a Geneva prison cell failed to quench her spirit, and soon she was off on the next mis-sion... as she always was. Madeleine exemplified all that is best in French Protestant-ism — practical soldarity with the oppressed and the voice-less, founded on an unflinch-

Madeleine Barot, heroine of the French Resistance and Christian

January 2, 1812: You will have

ing commitment to the Gospel.

### **Patric Knowles**

## Secondary panache

How pleasant to know Patric | tache and cultured tones. The Who is the kindest of souls as the married son of an But being handsome and a English Lord, who has an af-Who is the kindest of souls

Which is why he never gets good roles.

➡HIS limerick (circa 1940) nicely sums up the carser of Britishborn actor Patric Knowles, who has died aged 84. In his Hollywood beginnings, the good-looking, darkhaired Knowles usually found himself playing second-string to Erroi Flynn, a similar

dashing English type. When Knowles decided to try and make it away from Flynn's shadow at the studio, he was dubbed "the poor man's (or poor woman's) Errol Flynn". However, pity would be wasted on a reliable actor who made a comfortable living in over 50 films of variable quality from 1986 to 1958. Born Reginald Lawrence Knowles in Horsforth, he

worked for his publisher father before taking juvenile leads on stage and in a few films in England, including the title role in The Student's Romance, set in Heidelberg. Warner Bros offered him a contract on the strength of his patrician looks, natty mous-

studio cast him immediately British swell fair with a well-bred Ameri-Nobody expects him to act very can woman (Kay Francia) in a Heart. His accent also served for an Austrian prince in Expensive Husbands (1937).

But it was as a support for Errol Flynn and Olivia de Havilland in three Michael Curtiz directed pictures that Knowles made most impact. In The Charge Of The Light Brigade (1936), Knowles actually won de Havilland's heart away from screen-brother Flynn, a role the actress must have found difficult because Flynn in real life at the time.

Knowles made a striking and witty Will Scarlet to Flynn's Robin and de Havilland's Maid Marion in The Adventures Of Robin Hood, and played a suave editor in Four's A Crowd, a screwball comedy which ended with Flynn losing de Havilland again to his rival. After The Sisters (1938), starring Flynn and Bette Davis, he left Warners, working for various other studios, usually in secondary roles. The best pic-Warners, working for various other studios, usually in secondary roles. The best picture he appeared in during the 1940s was John Food's when the 1940s was John Food's when the process of the control of the process o the 1940s was John Ford's How Green Was My Valley How Green Was My Valley | \$300,000 Army payroll. After | vember (1942), where he was a miner | playing a number of baddies | 23, 1985



Sidekick to Errol Flynn . . . actor, Patric Knowles

cent than most of the cast. tatty end of their horror pictures series — The Strange Case of Dr RX (1942) as a brain transplanted into a go-rilla, and Frankenstein Meets The Wolf Man (1943) as a mad scientist reviving the monster (Bela Lugosi) — and as a stooge for Abbott and Costello.

Among his more conse-

with a less wonky Welsh ac | and "other men". Knowles semi-retired to write a novel At Universal, Knowles called Even Steven, returning found himself drawn into the to the screen in a couple of Westerns directed by Andrew McLaglen — The Way West (1967) and Chisum (1970) ably supporting much bigger stars, McLaglen also made The Devil's Brigade (1968), a second world war action pic-ture starring William Holden, in which Knowles, still looking trim and handsome, was well cast as Lord Louis Mounbatten.

Ronald Bergan

Patric Knowles (Reginald Law whom he had pilfered a rence Knowles), actor, born November 11, 1911; died December

**Hugh Hollingsworth Smith** 

## End to the scourge of yellow fever

virologist Hugh Holin the 1980s played a major role in the development and field trials of the 17D vaccine against yellow fever, has died

aged 93. Yellow fever, whose name derives from its characteris-tic jaundice, is a fatal tropical disease which, until the turn of the century, was a deadly scourge. It took a huge toll among Europeans in Africa and, more notoriously, among those who built the Panama canal. Completion of the canal was thrown into doubt when the workforce was crippled by the high inci-dence of fever. The US Army surgeon Walter Reed demon strated that it was mosquito-borne, identified its specific vector in that region, and opened up a practical route

for control. Although not normally transmissible from man to man, the disease remained and still remains endemic in many tropical regions. The virus can be carried by several species of mosquito which, once infected, remain Infected throughout their humans and some primates.

As virology developed after the first world war the pro-duction of an effective vaccine against yellow fever became a major goal. Max Theiler isolated and adapted the virus to laboratory mice in the late twenties, and later showed that it could be cultured on a small scale. Smith, with JE Elmendorf, working at the international health division of the Rockefeller Foundation, took the crucial step forward in 1938 by showing that Theiler's attenuated

HE PIONEERING and | strain of the virus could be | haemorrhagic diseases in hu grown in chicken eggs. mans, and which are difficult
This opened the way to bulk and dangerous to handle in

production of a vaccine. Known by its laboratory numbers 17D. Smith had proved the potential effectiveness of vaccine. Theiler's preparation in vaccine field trials in Bolivia and Brazil in 1937. Although early batches produced some cases of jaundice (now believed to have been caused by occasional contamination by the hepatitis virus) the vaccine was effective and safer than one subsequently produced by scientists at the Pasteur Institute.

Many millions of doses of the 17D vaccine were used to protect Allied service person-nel during the second world war and many thousands of lives were saved. During the early years of the war, Smith came to London to liaise with scientists at the Ministry of Health and Wellcome in the setting up and monitoring of vaccine production in Brit-ain. In 1951, when Theiler was awarded the Nobel Prize for his work, he declared flatly that the prize should have been shared with Smith.

Still in use throughout the world — crucially in the fif-ties and sixties to control major yellow fever outbreaks in Africa and central America, and currently being used by the WHO to control an outbreak in Liberia — the vaccine has a special niche in medical history.

It was the first to provide human protection against a disease caused by one of the anthropod borne viruses (arboviruses), a group origi-nally thought to be small. It has turned out to comprise many different and elusive pathogens that cause a large number of encephalitic and

the laboratory. Some, like the

Rockefeller Foundation in 1954 and four years later he ty of Arizona, which he held until 1968 and where he founded a society of tropical medicine. Although his interest in the arboviruses never into the relationship between endemic tuberculosis and the incidence of other diseases a relationship which in the past decade has proved significant in the study of Aids in

In a life lived to the full, Smith was never over-whelmed by the great diffi-culty of his work, had the gift of understatement, and yet was never afraid to speak his the lucky pioneers, for many of the scientists involved in early research into tropical viral diseases were killed by the organisms they sought to isolate, identify and control. When he wrote his memoirs in 1978 the touch was light and he gave no weight to the hazards. He called the book Life's A Pleasant Institution. This speaks, of course, of the Rockefeller Foundation. Yet. in one phrase, it tells us a great deal about the humility and, perhaps, the interna-tional stature of Hugh Hol-

lingsworth Smith. **Anthony Tucker** 

Africa.

Hugh Hollingsworth Smith, virol ogist, born February 2, 1902; died December 18, 1995

### **Another Day**

heard, in all probability, an account of my shipwreck from Mr Coutts. That I am here to relate it is rather extraordinary, for I escaped not only a sinking ship, but put to sea in a boat when one could hardly have supposed it could have lived five minutes
— the storm was so great . . . Everything I possessed I have lost ... To collect clothes in this part of the world to dress as an Englishwoman would be next to impossible ... To dress as a Turkish woman Smith retired from the must not be seen to speak to a man; therefore I have nothing left for it but to dress as a took up a teaching and Turk ... a sort of silk and research post at the Universicotton shirt; next a striped silk and cotton waistcoat; over that another with sleeves and over that a cloth short jacket without sleeves or half-sleeves . . . a large pair of breeches, and Turkish boots, a sash into which goes

a brace of pistols, a knife, and a sort of short sword, a belt for powder and shot ... and a turban of several colours ... I am a wretched figure like a blackguard, a Turkish sailor. The Life and Letters of Lady Hester Stanhope, John Murray, 1914.

### Birthdays

David Bailey, photographer, 58; Simon Base, cricketer, 35; Nicholas Baring, chairman, Commercial Union, 62; Chris-topher Campbell, chairman, British Shipbuilders, 60; Admiral William Crowe, US ambassador to London, 61; David Graveney, cricketer, 42; Hi-lary Heilbron QC, 47; Doug McAvoy, general secretary, National Union of Teachers, 57; Sir Bruce Pattullo, governor, Bank of Scotland, 58; Richard Riley, US Secretary of State for Education, 61; Edmund de Rothschild, banker, 80; Sir Keith Thomas, president, British Academy and Corpus Christi College, Oxford, 63; Sir Michael Tippett OM CH, composer, 91;

young people to assume they

### Letter

\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* Keith Dixon writes: J M Bernstein was wrong in his obitu-ary of Gillian Rose (December 1995) to characterise analytic philosophy as arid. The alien to human existence — new and exciting form of object have no application to the tive and rational discourse. discipline within which I was educated.

In contrast to sociological theory - which is often grandiose, inflated, opaque, tor-tured and muddied by the images associated with that word — parched bereft of life, sterile, unproductive and ophy in its heyday offered a tellectual severity and clarity.

new and exciting form of objec-With a respect for the physical sciences: a sensitivity to linguistic nuance and subtlety of distinction; a suspicion of un-disciplined speculation and a careful feel for the distinction

HLA Hart's The Concept Of Law (1963) applied the analytical perspective to some hitherto intractable problems in jurisprudence. On a contemporary note, the most illu-minating and rational analy-sis of feminist theory (The



## Scroll down

I HAVE a job of sorts. It is called Paying the Rent Until I Write My Original Screenplay about Truth and Beauty. The job description: writing articles about celebrities for a young women's magazine . . . I'm planning to develop a computer program that will spit these things out with the touch of a few keys, a simple program, since there are very few variables. Already my word-processing program contains macro keystrokes that instantly call up such revelations as "shuns the Hollywood limelight in favour of spending quality time with his family at his

sprawling ranch outside of Livingstone, Montana." (Con-trol, MONT.) And "There's nothing like being a parent to teach you what really matters in life. The fame, the money, the limos — you can keep it. I mean, being a father/mother is more important to me than any movie could ever be." (Alt, BABY.) And the ever popular "Actually, I've always been really insecure about my looks. I definitely don't think of myself as a sex symbol. When I look in a mirror I'm like — Oh God, what a mess." (Shift, WHAT, ME SEXY?) The very best bit of Jay McInerney's miniature fiction, Philomena, in the New Yorker.

### Future Booze

NOW, at long last, one of the big brewers has come up with a contemporary British pub design that could widely be reproduced, In 1994, Ba found a large site in Sutton in south London that it wanted to exploit, but it did not have a ready-made theme to put in it. So it was forced to go off and develop a new one. It

came up — surprisingly — with a simple design, without the clutter of other pubs, but with a large clear glass win-dow, painted walls and big plain wooden tables and chairs. It offered a choice of cask-conditioned beers and good-quality wines, and proper modern food, if people want it. The most significant features, however, were the tables and chairs. It had finally occurred to a brewer not only that the British pub could be free from the supposed architectural conceits of the 19th century, but also that it was no longer neces sary, or even profitable to perpetuate the tradition of rapid perpendicular drinking that had been established by the gin palaces of the same

All Bar One has been a great success...there are nownine of them ... For all that, Bass has got one thing badly wrong. The branches of All Bar One are full of people talking to each other — but talking over music. There should not be any need for taped music in a pub . . . Were All Bar One to eliminate the commandos float away on

music, then Bass really would have invented the pub of the future. Andrew Barr, the historian of liquor and its social function, in the Spectator.

### **Ground Zero** SEPTEMBER 1. Off Mor-

uroa. 2.30 am. Two boatloads of commandos appear off starboard. We see guns, stun grenades and tear-gas canisters. They come alongside and order us to stop. We just take their picture. Then they throw grappling hooks over our rails to board, but their ladder keeps falling over in the rough seas. So they sort of flop on to our deck, like bugs, on their backs. We are six miles from ground zero. 8.0pm One commando sports

a T-shirt that on the front says NAUTILE 1995, the name the French military has given the operation against Green-peace, and on the back a picture of the Rainbow Warrior. Bizarre! We try to swap him a Greenpeace T-shirt for it, but ours is too small for him.

their rafts. We declare cocktail hour with a plastic bottle of whiskey. Finally we're in-formed that we'll be charged with a customs infraction! September 2. My mother tells New Zealand radio: "At least a scream would be better than this silence." Thanks, Mum. September 7. Los Angeles. Groggy we arrive at the LA airport. A caterer/cleaner comes on board, and I tell him

French military. He seems uninterested. From Stephanie Mills's Rainbow Warrior II dlary, packed with self-importance and vanity on both sides, in Bazaar

I'm being held hostage by the

## **Letting go**

Details magazine grills the US Secretary of Labor, Robert

SO WHAT'S the future of work going to look like? A combination of job hunting, a lot of uncertainty, and the absolute necessity of learning on the job.

That sounds more like Blade Runner . . . Will we be more likely to have, say, ten jobs in a lifetime instead of Details: fear the future

two or three? Yes. Expect to spend much of your twenties and early thirties moving from job to job, and also from skill to skill. People are moving across the boundaries of occupations at a much

When is technology you enemy? . . . If you're working in an organisation where management use it simply to control employees. Take the back offices . . . where large

and the latest the same of

numbers of people sit all day long simply typing at key-boards, putting data into computers. Often they are moni-tored electronically. They cannot take more than a three minute bathroom break. In these environments technology is trapping people, it's . . .

> Do you think we'll all be freelancing in 20 years? Well, we're heading in that direction. Large companies are outsourcing - that is, subcon-

tracting more of what they're doing to small businesses and freelancers. And let's not romanticise freelancing. Most freelancers would rather have more job security. And their time is not their own. You're at the beck and call, any hour of the day, of organisations that need your services. A frelancer, an entrepreneur, and independent contractor may be spending a significant part of their day making choices about healthcare, pensions, doing paperwork, or just drumming up the next job. So job security will basically be obsolete. Job security is a thing of the past. It's going to be very difficult for

will have a certain income cushion two, five, 10 years from now. That makes it more difficult to buy a house, start a family, do all the things which require at least some degree of confidence about the future. Most people will join what I call the anxious class... Corporations seem to have all the power these days . . . How can a worker protect him or herself from being exploited? The best protection is having skills that are in demand. There's no substitute for being someone whom the market needs . . . In a way I am freelancing. I spend a lot of time on the road, moving around the country talking to people . . . What you have to do is look at the faces of people at their workplaces. That's what And what do you see there? The truth? Anxiety.

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## Soup kitchen asylum

Turning refugees on to the streets is wrong

rightly caused concern at the weekend as sub-zero temperatures continued across much of Britain. Yet a much bigger crisis involving thousands rather than hundreds - of people looms. Three months ago in the fevered atmosphere of a Conservative Party conference, withdrawing welfare benefits from 13,000 asylum seekers (plus their children) seemed a good way to ministers to appease rightwing de-mands for tighter asylum control and wooing the racist vote. Three months on as ministers desperately deny their lurch to the right, the spectre of thousands of refugees being turned out of rented rooms and forced to use soup kitchens, shelters and even street doorways takes on a different hue.

Only a last minute decision before Christmas by ministers to allow a parliamentary debate on the issue before implementing the cuts has saved the Government from a public relations disaster. The benefits were due to be withdrawn on January 8. For refugees the new regulations are much more serious than just bad PR. Both income support and housing benefit are to be withdrawn from those who apply for asylum after entering the UK. Only those who apply immediately upon arrival will retain entitlement. But even those applicants will no longer be provided with support if they are initially rejected by the Home Office and wish to appeal. One more crucial safeguard — the right of appeal — is being taken from thousands of refugees when the UN Convention on Refugees

requires Britain to protect them. There is no sign yet of ministers reversing their decision. All they have promised is a debate, not a change of policy. Yet the debate will be a useful ficiencies of the office over which

CLOSURE of the Crisis at Christmas Michael Howard presides. The emer-emergency shelters for the homeless gence of a "culture of disbelled" in the gence of a "culture of disbelief" in the Home Office's asylum division has been well documented by Amnesty Interna-tional in its report on UK asylum proce-dures published six weeks ago. Just five years ago 23 per cent of all applicants were granted asylum and 60 per cent given exceptional leave to remain (ELR). This year the relevant figures have shrunk to four and 18 per cent. Amnesty has documented the emergence of an undisclosed quota system which has operated since July 1993. Previously, ELRs varied enormously

but no longer. Since 1993 they have never gone higher than 23 per cent. It is only two years since ministers passed the last Asylum Act. Then they were promising the new procedures would remove delays by providing for "prompt and fair" decisions. Ministers claimed initial decisions would be claimed initial decisions would be taken within four weeks and appeals within three months. That was the rhetoric: the reality is that initial deci-sions are now taking eight months and appeals a further 10 months. That is the reason why the social security bill for refugees has risen so dramatically. There is a solution: recruit more appeal adjudicators and make the initial decision-takers more efficient. Instead, ministers have removed further safeguards which are essential if those fleeing from persecution are to be protected.

Bishops, peers and refugee agencies have all been speaking out against the new regulation. They are a powerful alliance. Pictures of soup kitchens and emergency shelters will be even more powerful. The churches and charities which are setting up emergency support services should maintain their pressure on ministers. John "One Nation" Major is reported to be wooing the Tory left. He could make no better way of exposing the injustices and inef- | start than by scrapping this racist and



Whitehall dodged the permissiveness of the 1960s

BEING ECONOMICAL with the truth | Patrick Gordon-Walker, the ex-foreign was a common practice long before the phrase was coined by a Cabinet secretary. The latest instalment of 30-yearrule papers includes a fine example by an earlier occupant of the position. Sir Burke Trend reported to Harold Wilson in 1965 that the BBC's The War Game gave a realistic impression of a nuclear attack which might cause public alarm if it were seen. But if the government decided to ban the film "on grounds of public policy", he murmured, the Corporation "might be persuaded" to take full responsibility for not showing it

The film was suppressed for 20 years. For this and other insights we must thank Harold Wilson himself who cut the 50-year rule by two decades. The latest batch tells us little which was not already suspected at the time but it is useful to be reminded how easily governments can deceive. A British nuclear test in Nevada is disguised as a US experiment: Denis Healey tells the Cabinet how lucky they are "to have got away with our economy test bang." Harold Wilson insists that his personal political secretary Marcia Williams should see secret documents. This is later categorically denied. New civil defence plans place the country at warreadiness within two to three days. Parliament is not informed because "this might cause unnecessary panic." Harold Wilson claims to exercise a moderating influence on the US in Vietnam. In private, he congratulates President Johnson on his "courageous" war.

secretary sent on a phoney fact-finding mission to Southeast Asia, sums up in brilliant Humphrey-speak: "We should search for a policy which, while backing America loyally, allows us a certain more apparent independence of view."

Many of these documents reflect the dual ambiguities which enmeshed the Wilson government. Abroad, Britain in Dean Acheson's famous phrase had lost an empire but not yet found a role. White rebellion in Rhodesia sharpened the point: Labour ministers feared to send troops against "kith and kin" and lobbied in New York against UN involvement. It was argued that the US would punish Britain if it spoke out on Vietnam — the so-called lesson of Suez. At home Labour soon discovered the difficulties of running the economy after years of Tory rule with a suspicious City and hostile Bank. How to reconcile socialist goals with capitalist reality was already becoming a divisive dilemma although masked for some time by the "white heat of technology".

So much has changed since the Britain of the Beatles and the "permissive society" - and of full employment that it seems much longer than three decades. Public respect for those in government has also slumped dramatically, causing much lament by those who are now less respected. These documents prompt the question: are standards of official truth really any higher now than then, and must we wait another 30 years to find out?

## The wrong sort of capital gain

Why do the rich deserve windfall gains more than the poor?

THE BISHOP of Wakefield may regard of us will get an electricity rebate, a £33 million "roll over" lottery win followed by a tax-free Tessa bonus, next Saturday as obscene. Yet it is a curious hypocrisy of modern life that we are more willing to entrust the rich with the burden of fortuitous winnings than the poor. Thousands of well-heeled people regularly receive dowries, legacies and other unearned capital gains from the stock markets without ever arousing national outrage. But the image of one of the nation's poor finding that £33 million has fallen out of the gains don't have. All participants volsky seems too much to bear. Goodness, they won't know how to handle it. they might go to pieces.

We live in the age of financial windfalls. Great fortunes are made from fortuitous rises in stocks and shares. Everyone is encouraged to buy shares success. But even he must feel a little in companies being privatised to uneasy at the way that his majority in receive instant capital gains (and if you parliament seems to go down as the show gratitude in the polling booth, lottery winnings go up. Is someone that's an added bonus). This year most trying to tell him something?

followed over the next 18 months by a succession of windfall capital gains because we happen to have lodged money with friendly societies years ago. Meanwhile, directors of privatised utilities have made a career out of awarding themselves unearned increases in income and capital.

Lottery winnings at least have a democratic legitimacy which other windfall untarily pay over their money knowing that each ticket has an equal chance, however remote, of making a dream come true. The lottery despite its Thatcherite values is John Major's achievement and may be his most lasting fiscal



Letters to the Editor

## Tricky by-pass operation Robbed of our peace of mind (not forgetting jewels and cash)

bury by-pass (What great transport debate?, December 39) comes close to endorsing the myth that new roads are responsible for extra traffic. This is like saying that rivers create floods. The truth is that the environ-The fruith is that the environ-ment of towns such as New-bury and Bath is destroyed by road traffic which has no-where else to go.

The biggest mistake in post-war road planning is to be found in the lack of motor-

ways connecting Bristol and the Midlands directly with Southampton. Such missing links force road vehicles through towns not designed biggest mistake is to put the costs of rail passenger and goods traffic beyond the reach of car owner and transport company. My home overlooks the combined A4/A36 through Bath. It also stands beside the Bristol to London and Bristol to Portsmouth main railway. The road is full of articulated lorries delivermouth. Southampton and the continent. I can see dozens of passenger trains, but hardly

ver a goods train. Why?
The Battle of Newbury, as with the Battle of Solsbury Hill at Bath, is fought on mis-taken ideology. We need a combined road/rail strategy and we are simply not going to get one. As long as buying

**Full honours** 

CLAIRE Rayner is wrong, and Paul Foot is right

(Comment page, January 1). There is no honour in "hon-

government. When a good

erson like Claire Rayner (or

Paul Foot's father, Hugh Foot)

s awarded one, it honours

the giver, not the receiver.

Claire Rayner OBE (or Lord

Caradon) is lowered, not

SOME achievements Mr Major forgot to include in

evicted 500,000 people from their homes; halved the

building of new homes; de-valued the currency by 25 per

cent; put 1.25 million men out

f work; effectively ended the

right to strike; has net

largely untaxed outward investment of £10 billion a

year; has net zero manufac-

turing-plant investment; has 40 per cent of manufactured

exports under foreign con-trol; has an 80 per cent fail-

spends two thirds of PSBR on

memployment; and has a re

HICH Government: has created more misery

in the housing market; has in-

creased taxes most in three years; has replaced more real jobs with insecure part-time

ones; has created low infla-

tion by inflicting low wages

on the poorest and cutting

public services; has lost con-trol of our major companies

to foreign buyers; has created

the greatest cynical renaming

of qualifications and educa-

tional institutions, thus pur-

porting to raise "standards"

has made too many workers

too frightened by insecurity

to exercise their civil right to

Your Government

Scarborough YO13 9AY.

Mollie Pullan.

The Hawthorns,

Foulbridge Lane,

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cord suicide rate?

Mortimers Lane,

ambridge CB2 6RR.

Our country.

W E Abbotts.

Foxton.

raised, by such a title.

Anna Freeman. 3 Hartwell Grove,

Bedfordshire.

advertisement:

Which country

OUR leader on the New- | and running a car is equated with material and sexual suc-cess, people will continue to jam our town and village roads every bank holiday, and the need for a by-pass for each roadblock will continue. Denis Lovelace. 12 Vernon Terrace, Bath BAZ 3DA.

> OUR assertion that build-ing the Newbury by-pass is filling in a dotted line for the sake of completeness misses the point that net-works are at their most effective when complete. An effective transport network is needed to enable UK compa-nies to compete, nationally and internationally. This

competitiveness is dependent

on effective supply chains with efficient transport help-ing to compress the time it takes to turn a bundle of raw materials into a consumer sale. Transport adds value to all products by giving them the utility of place; but with 50 times as many cars as trucks registered, what is the real cause of congestion?

Newbury and Birmingham add greatly to the cost of doing business, which is reflected in the price of products. They are also disincentives for companies to locate away from their main markets, which harms employ ment prospects and regional

pass that takes account of the environmental impact. But this needs to be done within the context of an effective national transport strategy, which includes an environmental policy. Currently, the Government regards this as interference, and the importance it gives to Transport is demonstrated by the Transport Secretary's average ten-ure of less than one year. 26 Smithy Close, Brindle,

Lancs PR6 8NW.

ACCORDING to your leader, "the question is not saving a few minutes to Madrid but how to save the environment around Newbury". But what about the en-vironment in Newbury? Many environmental campaigners seem to ignore the fact that the environment consists of the air we breathe as well as the countryside. There is an urban environrucks registered what is the eal cause of congestion?

Pressure points such as whether we should go on polluting the centre of Newbury up to and above "dangerous" levels. Surely preserving human life rates above pre serving ancient battlefields? Roger P Matthews. 4c Regency House, Spencer Road,

Isle of Wight PO33 2NZ.

IT MUST BE

EMISSIONS

SIR, BECAUSE

THE POLICE

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YOUR

"removal of prohibition"

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structions to the letter. After

90-minute wait at Winches

ter police station, it tran

spired that not only had the

site form, but they didn't even

carried out.

Chris Hill. 6 The Terrace,

know the tests were being

Second time around, we can

no doubt assume that the left

hand will know what the right hand is doing?

staff never heard of the requi-

On ARRIVING home from a week abroad, my family and I were faced with the shock of having had our house broken into, ramsacked and burgled — ac-cording to the police, twice. Among the items stolen, we lost our personal computer with my whole PhD thesis, in its final phase, all the family's jewellery, various pieces of equipment, money saved by my adolescent daughter for eight years, and all my husband's personal and pro-fessional documents: his Brazilian passport, his Spanish birth certificate, his medicalschool diploma, his working

school diploma, his working registration — you name it.
The police came over many times and took fingerprints on glossy surfaces, but with very little hope of success. We were told by one of the PCs that ours had been the 17th huseless in the arms on 17th burglary in the area on the weekend before Christ-mes, and would be around the 1,600th in Highbury in 1995. Interestingly, none of my neighbours knew about my neighbours knew about rationality. those figures: they complain that hardly ever is anything Aubert Park. mentioned with due serious- London N5.

second time; intellectual materials (not strictly kept on disc) will have to be proon disc) will have to be produced again. Vulnerability, frustration, anger and impotence do not fly out of the window as quickly as our belongings did.

Mind you, we are Rio de Janeiro people, third-world citizens, who had never ever before experienced a burglary just like none of our

ness by the media concerning the true level of crime and

violence, apart from the usual racist remarks about

A very important part of

our lives was gone with the burglary. No money can buy

back rings inherited from a great-aunt, dead long ago, and bits and pieces of jewel-

lery which had been in the family for generations; a di-ploma cannot be issued a

South London.

glary, just like none of our relatives and friends ever had. Maybe that is why we are over-reacting and not able to deal with it with the necessary distance and

## A village affair | World disservice

AM sorry that nobody from the Guardian had the courtesy to contact me before writing an exceedingly inaccurate article (Cotswold village says novelist's comparison with Moss Side is pure fiction. Janary 1). I suspect there was a very justified fear that knowl edge of the actual facts would spoil a colourful hearsay

story.
I made the speech referred to seven weeks ago (not "yesterday"), to an audience of under 30 people. It lasted less than five minutes. If anyone from the Guardian had trouoled to read what I said - the text was freely available they would have seen that it was in fact a strong plea for the Haves of Gloucestershire of whom there are many) to help the Have Nots (of whom there are considerably more).
I used the parallel of Moss Side purely as a shock tactic. to jolt the well-to-do inhabit-ants of the Cotswolds out of any misapprehension they may still have that anywhere as physically lovely as this county is somehow magically immune to the increasing ills

of late-20th-century life. Joanna Trollope. c/o Peters Fraser and Duniop. 503-1 The Chambers. Chelsea Harbour, London SW10 0XF.

OUR leader (December 29) rightly castigates the Government for squandering one of its few remaining assets, the BBC World Service. It is high time that it was separated from the Foreign Office. Some years ago, the World Service had to suspend its service in Spanish directed at Spain, a country with many Anglophiles. The cost represented one per cent of the FCO's expenditure in Spain - the sort of figure achievable by turning off the lights in the Embassy and Consulates.

Another cut in the Novemper budget is for overseas aid. Britain's proportion is al-ready well below that of other Western countries, although Baroness Chalker claims that it goes to deserving causes and is better "targeted", in politicspeak. Now deserving causes will have to go without and the target will be smaller.
The Tories boast that "in foreign affairs, Britain punches above its weight". Is this how they do it?

262 Kirkdale London SE26 4SB.

Please include a full postal address, even on e-mailed letters, and a daytime

### Fordingbridge. a ''main'' police station Fordin within seven days wereupon I Hants.

The lease you can do, Mr Major

These pollution tests stink

AM one of the 48,500 lucky would be presented with people who had the emission "removal of prohibition

awaited upturn, there is a growing crisis in the leasehold property market (PM urges new curbs on land-lords, December 29).

levels of their vehicles

Roadside emission tests to

continue, says minister, De-cember 29). Perhaps next time

somebody will remember to

inform police stations of their

marginally unacceptable

level was to be served with a

prohibition notice. I had to ar-

range for a full MOT, which included written details of the new acceptable level, and

penalty for having a

checked during the summe

Leasehold owners are increasingly finding their leases unsaleable as confidence in the leasehold system plummets due to the systematic abuse of leases by predatory freehold management companies. These freeholders are threatening thousands of families with homelessness and the leasehold property market with collapse.

There has always been tension and suspicion between leasebolders and management freehold companies. However, in recent years, a growing number of unscru-pulous elements have identified freehold management as a lucrative money spinner. They are bleeding leaseholders for all that they 28 Vereker Road, have. Leaseholders across London W14 9JS.

WHILST the freehold the country are finding that they are paying twice for well be experiencing a long-their homes: once for their mortgage and then again to these freeholders by way of inflated service-charge bills. Unscrupulous freehold companies are buying large port folios of freeholds and turning enormous profits through overpricing or in-deed inventing maintenance

> In many cases, their purpose is not just to profit from inflated service charges, but financially to ruin their leaseholders so they can demand forfeiture of the lease and re-sell.

The Government must strengthen the rights of this panel are more scrolls leaseholders. To date, discus- with the words "to Horsingsion of the housing market has centred around interest rates and building-society repossession. The Govern-ment must fulfil its promise to bring this feudalism to an

Michael G P Shryane.

### A Country Diary

SOMERSET: In the upper banner was wrapped in a room of the village hall is a copy of the Western Gazette long, wooden box containing dated April 13, 1934. The unabanner. We were told of its employment level had fallen existence by a life-time resi-dent. It proved to be in fine condition, five feet square, dark blue, with elaborate stlver scrolls appliquéd on to its surface. The top scroll bears the word "Strength". Underneath that is another scroll with the word "and" leading to the central, oval panel, on which is painted a firm handshake. The hand on the left clearly belongs to a worker. the wrist shows a rough check shirt. The hand on the right belongs to the gentry, with stiff, white shirt-cuff, gold cufflink, and the end of a dark, tailored sleeve. Below with the words "to Horsing-ton Friendly Society". The standards topped with brass spearheads, which attach at either end. There is a holster for one of the two standardbearers who paraded at the more and preserve the banner annual festival or "Club in a dignified setting."

Walking with the Band. The JOHN VALLINS

employment level had fallen from 22 per cent to 19 per cent. A leader says that it is undesirable to introduce any form of public lottery, and is auxious about blackshirts campaigning in country dis-tricts. The banner shows that our Friendly Society was one of those in which the association of working men was patronised by the gentry. People remember the squire as president. Surviving "check-books" record monthly pay-ments in 1925 of two shillings, and the outgoings indicate traditional Friendly Society purposes of "securing by voluntary subscription of the members separate funds for the mutual relief of the memhers in sickness, old age and banner hangs from a horizon-infirmity." The Act of 1793, tal pole, and there are two tall from which these words come, notes that the Societies have the other advantage of "diminishing the public burden". We hope to discover

LL through college, we wore the same thing every day: Indian cotton shirts and bellbottom jeans. As the seven-ties wore on, the unisex uniformity palled on me. I began to dream of pink marabou feathers and silver lame and red taffeta and White voile.

So imagine my chagrin, once I finally got in a posi-tion to afford a decent set of marabou feathers, to find the nation once again swept up in dressing down. We're expected to be tastefully tasteless, hanging loose at the office on Casual Day in our J Crew/Gap/Banana Republic uniforms. We're expected to be infused with feelings of equality and col-legiality. We're expected to engage in what monage engage in what management experts call "a ritual

If you actually relax, as your body likes to do once it gets into weekend clothes, it could get dicey. Before you know it, you'll be inlied by the sociable blur of plaid and khaki into telling your boss about the time you used his name to get Springsteen tickets. Office politics in a faux-democracy where bosses dress like post-room clerks is even more treacherous. Many women who bave struggled to rise in the corporate ranks feel a loss of power and control when they switch to informal clothes and come to work indistinguishable from their secretaries. They worry they are not yet as deft as men at conveying au-thority merely through speech patterns and body

language. Men have become so confused that GQ has devoted its January issue to helping them "ramp up" to the weekend, enumerating a

list of casual-Friday crimes No denim shirts. Too ordinary and, frankly, too thirtysomething.

No logo T-shirts, no

jeans, no sneakers.

No baseball caps. You are not David Geffen or

Steven Spielberg.

No blking boots you've actually hiked in. No shorts. We don't care what kind of legs you have — exposing your hairy, bare, knobbly knees to coworkers is out.

· No holes, tears or tatters, and no stains or dirt of

What has the free world come to when professionals have to be instructed not to ear diriy clothes to the office? The London Evening Standard lamented that a white-collar executive who affects the look of a bluecollar worker's merely a

"slobboman". But the trend has spread from IBM to the White House, where Bill Clinton has instituted the first dress-down presidency. The cardigan era of Jimmy Car-ter now looks positively Armani. At the city hall in Newark they got so dia-gusted at seeing large expanses of employee skin-bulging out of ripped jeans and tank tops — they recently called a halt to dress-down Fridays. The rest of the country should

N HONOUR of the new year, I would like to propose that we do away with dress-down day and replace it with dress-up day. As Baudelaire wrote in his essay In Praise Of Cos-"one of the signs of the primitive nobility of the

human soul". Every Friday would be Formal Day. Men could wear black tie, velvet smok-ing jackets, ascots, riding breeches, bespoke suits, three-ply cashmere blazers and 300-thread-count Egyptian cotton shirts. Women could wear, as they used to say in old Sears catalogues. "glamorous dress-up frocks with quality fabric and fin-

ish that flatter all figures". At 4pm there would be tea, with Vivaldi and watercress sandwiches with the crusts cut off. At 6, there would be a cocktail party with Chet Baker on the CD and Oregon chardonnays.

We could all debate the Emma Thompson-Kenneth Branagh split, deciding if we are "Emma people" or "Ken people", and talk about how we are "re-read-ing" Jane Austen.

Instead of letting down your guard, as you are wont to do in khakis, you could wave your cigarette holder and put down your rival with a biting Noel Coward line: "You're a vile-tempered, loose-living, wicked little beast, and I never want to see you again so long as I live", or "You're nothing but a rampaging

gas bag". It's a dandy idea, because if we're going to have sartorial conniptions, we may as well look good doing it. It's all about illusions, anyhow. The faux-aristocracy of rentals matches the fauxdemocracy of the Gap in illustrating that central fact of American life: appearances matter.

Maureen Dowd writes for the

## Sorting out the Maureen Dowd right crackpots

## Commentary

### Hugo Young

- MMA NICHOLSON is an admirable woman but not a serious poli-■ tician. Her defection is a dramatic gesture, gratifying to her personal opinions and fufilling a psychic need, but it will have the opposite effect from the one she wants to make. Purporting to signal ideological disgust, it exhibits the beauting for its relations. the besetting frailty of almost all leftist Conservatives, which is that they don't take ideology seriously. They scorn dogma, but retreat rather than fight the dogmatists. Like Alan Howarth, another Tory MP with articulate courage, Ms Nicholson has opted out of the only battle she was ever likely to influence, the battle for the soul of Conservatism after the party has been routed at the next election.

There is such a thing as serious defection, even in the unforgivingly tribal politics of Britain. The Gang of Four's exit from the Labour Party in be the order of the era, More-1981 was an act of due solem- over, it will have a model. It's

nity, long-considered, conspir-atorially planned, and having these days without discoverthe serious purpose of displac-Which, after the momentary unpleasantness of serving a party and government fight-ing brutally for its life may evoke our sympathy. But how can the Major Government be categorised as more rightwing more socially divisive than the Thatcher Government, which both these politi-cians served with enthusi-asm? How can they so mistake

After a Labour victory, this struggle cannot be avoided. Fory fissures, presently talked into uneasy non-exis-tence, will be deflantly proclaimed. A leadership contes might see an anaemic centrist preferred to the flawed talents of either Redwood or Portillo. but no one doubts the momen-tum will be sharply right-ward, whoever is in charge Europhobia, attacks on wel-fare, the sharp reduction of

the struggle that really counts which will start next year?

these days without discover-ing that their new hero is ing the old party with a new one. It didn't succeed, but at least the envisaged end tives. He is titular leader of matched the agonising means. the revolution that has begun Plecemeal departures by Tory to destroy the welfare consen-MPs look like frivolity, sus and other Rooseveltian baggage every US president, even Ronald Reagan, has earthquake they create, is what they are, exposing strange judgments about past and future alike. The sheer speaks for all of the above new Conservatism, whose British exponents have at tempted to sit at his feet: no

> critically offered his disciples is a claim to historical inevitability. The House went de-cisively Republican in 1994 and, with unprecedented dis-cipline, enacted most of a Hundred Day programme that will, if it happens on the ground, change the face of American government, shrinking its tasks and promises to a scale unimaginable even three years ago. It may not happen on the ground. The Senate is not yet pos-sessed by the radicals. But the certainty of the new zeitgeist is commonplace talk among

at a time.
What Gingrich has most

Something inconvenient, however, is already beginning to deflect its trajectory,

rightists all over the Anglo-

namely the judgment that with their puritanical certi-President Clinton may be reelected. Six months ago, hardly a single pundit gave Clinton a chance. Mired in sleaze and impotent before met its historic destiny after Congress, he couldn't produce all. What the American an international record that people suddenly gave in 1994 made up for domestic failure. Getting out of such certain doom is an achievement he owes to luck as well as timing, in Bosnia and elsewhere, and it could still easily be reversed. The Republicans look like nominating, in Sena-tor Dole, a candidate who only half-expresses the revolutionary surge. Besides, Clinton has moved right on

There remains, however, a great divide of attitude. Ideo-logical politics are alive, and Clinton may be winning them. In the battle over the

Ms Nicholson has only battle she was

tudes, believe. What America may be prov ing, in other words, is that dogmatic extremism has not

they may just as mercurially take away in 1996. There is nothing pre-determined about the rightist tide on either side of the Atlantic. Sure, socialism as we knew it is finished and Tony Blair is carrying the Labour Party into a main-stream Harold Wilson would have blenched to swim in. Whoever is in power, the economics of welfare will impose a new order, confronting lead-ers with a political challenge they'll find hard to meet. But the future shape of demoboth tax and welfare, in the ceaseless struggle for the feel-right headlines of modern po-litical correctness.

US budget, a Gingrichite House which is determined to

always with success, since the Speaker seems able to give them only five minutes opted out of the ever likely

to influence

poor, privatise Medicare, cut government research, abolish environmentai controls and cut tax for the very rich faces a President who would cut tax much less, keep health spending much as it is and actually increase federal spending on education and environmental protection. Clinton believes in the role of government, and may be judging accurately where the American voter expects it to extend to, which is quite a lot further out than the Republican triumphalists,

the future snape or demo-cratic politics is far less de-cided than the right pretend.

The struggle to define it will be played out in the Tory Party as crucially as any-where. It seems important for Britain, not just for British Conservatism, that the Oppo-sition to a Blair Government should not consist of dogmatshould not consist of dogmat-ic theologians who have abandoned all trace of social compassion and find their driving animation in hatred of all things European. Over the past 15 years we have surely learned all there is to know about the vices of government when opposed only by self-

destroying factions.

Fifty Tory MPs are about to retire from politics. Most of them come from the pre-That-cherite generation. Their successors will be post-Thatcher-ite not only in body but soul. At some point, if it is to handle power again, the party will need to re-engage with realism. Meanwhile, the duration of its sortie into crackpotism will depend on whom it returns to Parliament, iger and equipped to contest the bogus inevitability of

ager air." Newt Gingrich. As I said, Ms Nicholson is not serious. ren's hospital (from Peter Pan) or to any traceable descendants of Leadbelly or Bes-But John Lennon and Yoko Ono's future grandchildren will now be freed from the

necessity to work for a living until 2050. And life will be decidedly more comfortable for the many — and in some cases already well-bested grandchildren of Evelyn Waugh until 2036. Waugh used to complain that postwar Tory governments had not set the clock back one second. Mr Major, Mr Heseltine and the EU have now done so for his descendants by 20 years. Small trusts and societies which act for dead artists will swim in unaccustomed

cepted the logic of 50-year copyright. Authors, he said, felt "a metaphysical right of creation, which should from its nature be perpetual". Yet the interests of reason and learning were against this.
"Were it to be perpetual, no book — however useful — could usefully be diffused among mankind... Those which 50 years have not de-stroyed should become bona communia (part of the public good)."
The arguments in the EU

and Whitehall were less ele-vated. An obscure court case involving the singer Phil Collins led to a proposal to har-monise copyright laws across Europe. This became a sweep-ing decision to standardise everyone with Germany. which originally introduced a 70-year copyright period to compensate its artists for dis ruption during the second world war. It was also argued that artists' dependants are living longer, but that justification smells of bureaucratic sophistry: we're not living that much longer. Observers

that much longer. Observers of the Euro-discussions noted "surprisingly little objection by the British participants".

The result of what is essentially a Euro-civil-servants' cobble-up is that a German author like Thomas Mann will suffer equally with Thomas Hardy. An explosion of popular Hardy titles followed his emergence from copyright in 1979. Admirers of Mann, whose British copyright expired last year, had hoped for a similar impetus to hoped for a similar impetus to his reputation. Now both writers are locked back inside

Repercussions for artists will vary. The net losers will be those whom Virginia Woolf respectfully called com-mon readers, who will find fewer books and records on publishers' backlists (fewer certainly at prices Hardy's Jude The Obscure could have afforded), less music from the period in the concert reper-toire, possibly fewer songs on pop radio stations. The measure is one of many recent blows to the transmission down the generations of a classical and popular heritage of quality.

If we as a country cared a jot as much about this her! blockading Euro-embassies and imperilling governments. As things are, no descendant publishers grow rich, if that is what is happening in an individual case. In other consulting lawyers.

The good news — for some cases it may be that the best,

## **Weather** is nobler in the mind



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N WINTER, if memory serves, the weather is often a little cold. But perhaps I'm mistaken? No, the encyclo-paedia confirms that low temperatures are indeed to be experted during this reliable interval between autumn and spring "winter: coldest sea-son of the year". So that's winter for you. Parky. Earth standing hard as iron, water like a stone, and all that.

And apparently this hiber-nal chilliness is nothing new. Those Magi had a notoriously cold coming of it: "Just the worst time of year For a journey . . . The ways deep and the weather sharp." Hamlet also failed to wrap up warm: "The air bites shrewdly, it is very cold." Horatio could only agree: "It is a nipping and an

Given our current, inexhaustible interest in climatic variation it seems a pity that Shakespeare made so little of this atmospheric aside. Today, one feels sure, Hamlet would go on to mention the treacher ous driving conditions around Elsinore: Horatio would spec ulate on the likelihood of coldweather payments if the cold snap continued. The Ghost would say: "Cold enough for you?" Ian McCaskill, tremu-lous with mingled fright and anticipation, would appear with prophecies of widespread frost followed by unknown, but hideous, consequences -

rain? fog? puddles? In England this Christmas no northward journey began without a warning from metearalasts that it were hest not undertaken at all, or certainly not without an emergency cargo of flasks, blankets and chocolate rations. If torrential rain did not send us aquaplaning from the Al, then pitliess snowlakes would do for us instead. Each morning, when swaths of North Yorkshire Samuel Johnson, perhaps awoke to no rain, no snow, the most aloquent of all de-thing that looked very much like fine weather - the forecasters stressed that we must remain on guard, backing up their threats with thrilling Glasgow.

HE overreaction could be a sort of post-hurri-cane insurance policy. although the excitable deliv-ery suggested a more straightforward desire to communicate the drama of extreme weather conditions impartially around the country, ir-respective of regional varia-tion. As quantities of snow stayed obdurately in the sky, a fatal accident on an icy lake | are they?

allowed our Cassandras to sustain their hysteria. Here was proof indeed of the "dan-gers of the cold weather". Now that the coldness is

somewhat abated, the forecasters are resuming their usual tone of disappointment, bravely borne — "rather grey, gloomy weather, I'm afraid!". Next summer, if the weather is significantly warm, the words "another very hot day, I'm afraid!" will be delivered in identical tones. Before the heatwave is over, a dog will be cooked in a locked car or a celebrity nearly-fatally stung by a wasp — testifying to the dangers of sunlight. One way or another, the weather will be represented as astonishing, confounding, beyond all expectation.

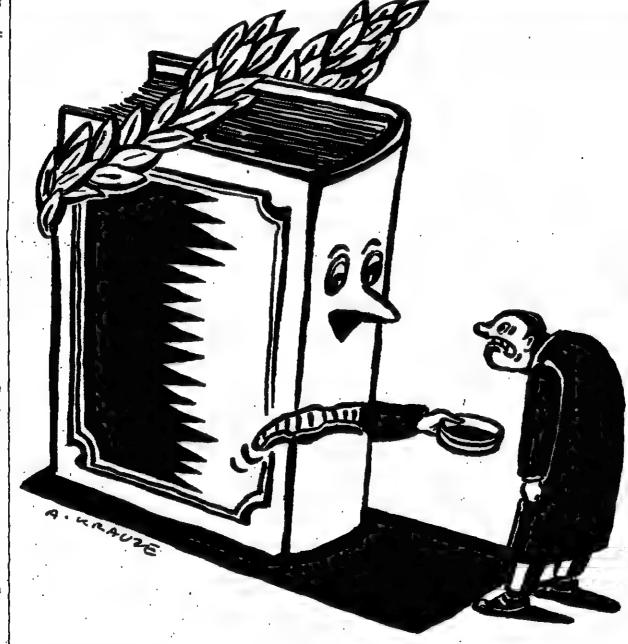
pectation. "It is commonly observed." wrote Samuel Johnson, "that when two Englishmen meet, their first talk is all of the weather; they are in haste to tell each other, what each must already know, that it is hot or cold, bright or cloudy, windy or calm." Although this was, he conceded, the natural consequence of "changeable was, he concented, the hattrat consequence of "changeable skies", it was by no means to be encouraged: "every man... might at least struggle against the tyranny of the climate, and refuse to enslave his virtue or his reason to the most variable of all variations, the changes of the weather." It might have been expected that our more technologically

advanced insulation from the extremes of wet and cold would allow us, as Johnson hoped, to live more independently of our climate. On the contrary, the less the weather impinges on our lives, the more it appears to titillate and impress. Popular enthusiasm for sabre-toothed weather girls is matched by a new literary preoccupation with weather-books, from E Annie Prouix's The Shipping News. to Peter Hoeg's Miss Smills's Feeling For Snow. The latter, as is now well known teacher. as is now well known, teaches the aspirant weather-bore everything there is to be knowed about snow and ice, from the large "qanik" crystals, so common in Islington, to the crumbling "rotten ice" more often found in Hackney. The genre is now sufficiently established for a publisher to have boasted, recently, of buying "next year's snow book". hoping to cash in on the suc-cess of Miss Smills and of David Guterson's Snow Falling On Cedars.

way. Weather forecasting may sometimes be useful, but weather reporting, such as there's been over the holiday. can never be anything but a wind-up — or, as Johnson told an amateur climatologist: "Pooh, pooh, you were telling us that of which none but men in a mine or a dungeon can be ignorant. Let us bear with patience or enjoy in quist, elementary changes, whether for the better or the worse, as they are never secrets." And they're not really news, either,

New Internationalist magazine

A little of this goes a long



## Royalty lingers on

From this week, a new copyright law will hit concerts, school plays and 99p classic books. **John Ezard** laments a blow to high-quality culture

AJ Piron (composer of I Wish I Could Shimmy Like My Sister Kate). A similar list for 1944 is topped by Glenn Miller and Vincent Rose, the man who wrote Blueberry Hill

Until a week or so ago, the Until a week of so ago, the only factor that made these lists topical was that the musicians had all recently passed out of copyright in 1993 or 1994, the customary half century after their deaths. This meant their deaths. This meant their could be played free, as work could be played free, as been p last year's VE commemorations.

RGENTLY circulating in the Sobo office of the Performing Right Society this New Year is a list of star musicians who died in 1943.

It's an eclectic little document, rich in the variety of musical endeavour. It is headed by Fats Waller, Lorenz Hart, Rachmaninov and AJ Piron (composer of I Wish Although MPs protested

about madequate time to con-sider it, the directive became law yesterday. Its effect is to restore to copyright all writ-ers and musicians who died between 1925 and 1945. This means that at midnight on Sunday it became illegal to perform or sell Rachmaninov's Rhapsody On A Theme By Paganini, Miller's Moon-light Serenade or Hart's Manhattan unless a royalty has been paid to the composer's

The net sweeps far wider memorations.

But no longer. During the pre-Christmas lull, the Government brought in — virtu- modern literary as well as lident of the Board of Trade.

Describe was the minister last found a way to make to honour and promote an artist for the common good is to forgo this windfall from the revived royalties to a child- living dead.

musical culture. It catches scores of school and college mate is that the move will add a set texts. If covers — to take a few examples — Thomas Hardy's novel Far From The Madding

novel Far From The Madding Crowd (published in 1874); Lawrence's Sons and Lovers: Houseman's poem A Shropshire Lad; Bessie Smith's Down-Hearted Blues; Gershwin's Rhapsody in Blue; Conan-Doyle's The Casebook of Sheriock Holmes; Beatrix Potter's Peter Rabbit, Barrie's Peter Pan; Virginia Woolf's Mrs Dalloway; Scott Fitzgerald's The Great Gatsby; Edgar Wallace's The Four Just Men; Chesterton's Father Browu; John Buchan's The 39 Steps; John Buchan's The 39 Steps: Holst's Jupiter, Elgar's Nim-rod; and Rudyard Kipling's If. It even reaches one of the most cherished first world war songs, Pack Up Your Troubles in Your Old Kit Bag (by Felix Powell, who killed

himself in 1942). The directive covers all works by these as well as other artists. It could mean that the Conservative Party will be forced to pay a royalty for singing Elgar's Land Of Hope And Glory at next year's conference. It also engulfs the Tarzan stories of Edgar Rice Burroughs: not totally inappropriately, because Michael Heseltine was the minister who quietly decided to accede to the EU directive while Pres-

and performing costs — which will raise prices for the public. It has been estimated that it will add "many hundreds of pounds" to the cost of mounting a long work such as El-gar's Dream Of Gerontius, an immediate disincentive to new performances. So new and little known is

the measure that the process for agreeing and levying roy-alties will take time to unscramble, "But there is now a piper to be paid," says John Axon, PRS general manager. with quite a lot of money."

are the reactions so far from the Publishers' Associ-ation, which — already but by the collapse of the Net Book tage as we do about currency Agreement - is resigned to or fish, we would today be fewer new editions and adaptations. Worst hit are the publishers whose 99p editions of out-of-copyright classics of a writer or musician has a earned acclaim for dominated duty to sit by and not take the ing last year's best-seller lists. | money while book or music Wordsworth, pioneers in this trend, have been frantically

- is that John Major has at most practical way for an heir last found a way to make to honour and promote an

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## FinanceGuardian

Hotels group uses cash from roadside restaurant sale to give shareholders incentive to shun predator

## Forte's £500m sweetener Abad case of

hotels group, will today announce a £500 million defence package for share-holders, raising the stakes in its fight to stave off Granada's hostile £3.3 billion bid.

The company, which under takeover rules must present any new information to shareholders in today's defence document, is expected to promise shareholders either a special dividend payout or a share buy-back if the group retains its independence. Room will also be left for the group to jack up its regular dividends.

The peckage will be fi-nanced largely from the pro-ceeds of Forte's proposed £1 ceeds of Forte's proposed £1 billion sale to Whitbread of its roadside restaurant and mada service station as "fit" motorway service station for the dustbin", says he is

businesses, which include the Happy Eater, Little Chef and Welcome Break chains.

Granada - which claims to have buyers lined up for Welcome Break, but which in-tends to keep Happy Eater and Little Chef — has calcu-lated that a special dividend of 500 per second of 50p per share would cost Forte around £500 million.

Meanwhile, Forte stepped up its attack on Granada yesterday, repeating its claim that the group is an unfocused collection of unrelated businesses. Sir Rocco Forte. Forte's said Granada's shares had been derated because the market regarded the company as a

EGON Ronay, the guardian of the nation's culinary standards, will tonight wade into the debate over Forte's future battle for Forte.

worried that the quality of feed one in 10 of Britain's service stations, is contorway service stations will decline if Granada wins the battle for Forte.

The only motorway ser-

vice station to win praise from Mr Ronay's recent

survey was Forte's Wel-

come Break chain, which Granada would sell to com-

£3.6 billion, exposing its "unrelated" businesses to unacceptable risk at a time of declining market share and

increasing competition.

He went on: "Granada say that they are a focused busi-ness. We thought that we

end up in the camp of some

The comments, which

will come as a blow to Gra-

nada boss Gerry Robinson,

are due to be broadcast on

of the worst."

ply with takeover rules. BBC-2's Food and Drink But Mr Ronay, who programme tonight.

He said Granada's bid just how widely Granada's action Forte had managed in would leave it with debts of tivities sprawl, as well as put recent years. they've yet to answer."
But Granada hit back, infor the argument that we are a conglomerate, we would say

sisting that even with the Granada is a true leisure comover of Forte, its strong cashflow would be sufficient to cover interest repayments

transport spokesman, Brian Wilson, has said

Labour will consider intro-

ducing competition at indi-vidual service station sites

The exchanges follow Forte's weekend disclosure that a new valuation of its properties had valued its hotels portfolio at £3.35 billion. Egon Ronay fears for motorists' stomachs if Granada sets standard The valuation, carried out a fortnight ago, pegged Forte's hotels at £355 million more

than the price tag the group had previously put on them. Granada responded by arguing that the higher valuation showed what a poor return Forte achieved on its assets. The City expects Granada to raise its bid. the value of

pany with businesses geared to the 21st century."

as a means of maintaining standards — something Mr Ronay has campaigned for. which has fallen with its At present, service stations are under no oblishares, possibly to around £3.6 billion. Under takeover gation to comply with food quality standards. rules, the company has week in which to do so.

## Euro-sclerosis



David Gow

MMA NICHOLSON's defection to the Liberal Democrats, reducing John Major's parliamentary majority to three, opens up the prospect of a general elec-tion this year. Unless the Prime Minister soldiers on, like his Labour predecessors in the 1970s, it will be an ugly campaign dominated by the issue of the much-scorned

Elections will also take place in other European Union countries including Italy and Spain. But in both these, by sharp contrast, the mood will be upbeat and pro-European, as they debate the means — but not the goal — of joining the core vanguard of EU members in the rush to

monetary union. But in the UK, as a growing ness leaders realise, the elec-tion, if it comes, will be wrapped in the Union Jack. Mr Major long ago set out the twin central themes of his campaign: defence of the Union against so-called sepa-Scotland, and, intimately related, the proclamation of the nation-state, unreformed and still shrouded in ancient myths like parliamentary sovereignty, as the crown of collective identity. Therefore a shrill, petulant anti-Euro-pean tone will permeate the

campaign.
We will hear a lot about Emu being foisted on a gullible public who are unaware that it will lead to a federal Europe. That is, in the Tory school of faisification, a centralised super-state. This wholly specious argument is designed to obviate the need about modernising the British state and revitalising a society in the throes of often

Putting aside for a moment the normally impenetrable debates about the merits or demerits of a single currency, it is clear that the EU still acts as a lodestar for a host of countries on the continent -not least the ex-Communist nations only recently released from the Soviet empire and Russian chauvinism.

WHAT deeply alarms much UK business opinion is that these considerations cut little ice in British government circles. Underlying the recent CBI poll, showing a healthy majority in favour of Emu. was a widespread fear of being left to meet the Maastricht critebehind, and of losing even ris for entry to Emu. And it lority in favour of Emu, was a residual influence in a Europe that will inevitably be dominated by its biggest nation. Germany. However obscurely, businesses sense that a self-obsessed, back-ward-looking, nationalist campaign would damage the nation's influence and standing — and, bence, their own

prospects.
It is conceivable that Mr Major could be forced to go to the country just as the intergovernmental conference gets going in March. Ostensibly, this meeting is designed to discuss reform of EU institutions but, at heart, its central purpose is to provide a definitive answer to the question of

Germany — condemned as the historian Hans-Peter Schwarz puts it, to be the central power of Europe — is it-self in the midst of the poten-tially explosive debate about that question. Should it — as Helmut Kohl, architect of its unification, believes -renounce a large portion of that sovereignty and its cur-rency in favour of the EU? Or should it - as a growing number of state premiers, from the arch-conservative Edmond Stoiber of Bavaria to the pro-business social demo-crat Gerhard Schröder of Lower Saxony, believe retain that sovereignty, as-sert purely national interests, reduce financial contributions to Brussels, and put

Emu on the back burner? This issue is likely to dominate key state elections in Germany this year which could, arguably, stabilise Kohl's government by delivjunior coalition partner, the hapless Free Democrats.

For Mr Major, this debate is evidence that key EU mem-bers are slowly but inexorably turning to his view of a looser, more deregulated, Europe. But, like his predecessor Margaret Thatcher, he suffers from the grave delu-sion that the way to control and contain German domination of Europe is to re-empha-sise each nation's separateness. The bitter irony, of course, is that this attitude will hasten the very German domination of Europe it is meant to stop.

OLITICALLY, then, 1996 could engender further "Euro-scierosis". This is all the more likely because

bumpy year. The evidence of the last quarter of 1995 is of a sharp downturn in output, not only in strike-infested France, but also in a Germany suffering of the mark. Most analysts ex-pect this to be a short-lived problem, with German growth picking up, particu-larly in the wake of this month's tax-cuts. Even France is generally reckoned to be set for renewed growth in 1996. But a triple set of perils lies in store: a failure to tackle unemployment, already high at 17 million in the EU: a hike in Bundesbank rates from the summer to counter a mild pick-up in inflation and dampen wage-cost pressures; and, most critical a more sustained period of economic downturn through-out Europe this year.

The outcome, added to the impact of last year's industrial unrest in France, would be to ensure that Germany's would also mean the likely postponement of the target date of January 1, 1999, for fixing Emu members' exchange rates irrevocably. Such results should be only

partially welcome to Mr Major, even if he survives the full year. It will almost certainly kill off the notion of a European Germany, and give new weight to the prospect of a German Europe . . in which the UK would have even less of an influential role

## for the jet set

week beginning January 15. This compares with 396,000 for Frankfurt, its closest challenger, 388,000 for Hong Kong and 368,000 for Paris Charles de Gaulle. But Heathrow still trails far behind giant American hubs

in total passenger figures. Chicago's O'Hare airport, with hordes of domestic travellers, tops the list with more than 954,000 passengers due to depart in the same week.

Hartsfield airport in At-

a whimper

New year

This week Paul Murphy

HE new year gets off with a whimper rather than a bang in terms of companie reporting, with just a small handful of second liners due

to produce figures. Those with an eye for small but fast growing companies with a "hi-tech" flavour will be reading interim figures from Druck Holdings on Thursday. The firm makes highly specialised sensors and calibrators, for the petrochemical industry, and profits have been growing constantly for 23 years. Floated at 140p in 1982 the shares were trading at

£25.75 last week. Also on Thursday, a relatively cautious statement is expected from Warner Estates when the property group reports final figures. Analysts expect little change on the £7.2 million recorded last time.

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## Slow growth set to thwart Tory hopes

with an outspoken attack

on the quality of catering at Granada's service stations.

writes Ian King.

Larry Elliott Economics Editor

OVERNMENT hopes that a strengthening economy will underpolitical recovery over the coming year are set to be frustrated by a slowdown in growth, according to a forecast released

Despite the Prime Minister's optimism about the prospects for 1996, a study by Cambridge Econometrics predicts that a poorer outlook for exports and de-stocking by several key manufacturing sectors will limit expansion

over the coming 12 months. The forecasting group says it expects growth to decline from 2.7 per cent in 1995 to 2.4 per cent this year — well diction of 3 per cent in the

Although the group fore-sees strong activity in 1997, this may be too late to have any real bearing on the outcome of the general election, which has to take place by

Meanwhile, one of the the century. City's leading securities firms said today that 1996 will be a poor year for equities, with last year's 24 per cent increase in the value of the stock market followed by vir-

tually no change in 1998.

BZW predicts the FTSE 100
will end the year at 3750. against its present level of just under 3700.

By the end of 1996, it says, political worries and the possible need to raise interest rates to choke off expansion.

in the economy will undermine investors' confidence. Cambridge Econometrics result of an expected 2p reduction in the basic rate of income tax in the 1996 Bud-

It adds that inflation is set to remain low for the rest of

The headline (all-items) inflation rate is set to fall this year as a result of cheaper mortgages, while the underly ing measure (excluding the cost of home loans) should

According to the Cambridge Econometrics model the all-items RPI will grow by 2.6 per cent in 1996, then by about 3.5 per cent to 2000.

De-stocking by parts of in dustry is forecast to keep price pressures in check, and Cambridge Econometrics singles out motor vehicles, chemicals and the brick inrise this year by a modest ventories have risen in res-

## 2.6 per cent, but will grow at a | ponse to weak demand. Housing revival forecast

Larry Elliott

THE housing market is set to emerge alowly from its six-year recession in 1996 as lower mortgage rates rekindle demand for property, according to a range of new year predictions. Most industry analysts be-

lieve that cheaper home loans will mean property prices will keep pace with inflation this year, after falling by more than 1 per cent in 1986. A panel convened by Your Mortgage magazine found that the Halifax, Woolwich and Bradford and Bingley

Pension funds

recover but

fail to match

PRITISH pension fund managers produced a healthy 19 per cent return during 1995, but still under-

performed the market by 5

per cent, according to a survey published today.

The report, by Edinburgh-

based consultants WM, found that British pension funds

recovered strongly last year

the market

lan King

building societies all expect

prices to rise by 2 per cent in 1996, with NatWest bank pen-cilling in a rise of between per cent and 8 per cent. Ciaran Barr, economist with City firm Deutsche Morgan Grenfell, said that the lat-

est evidence pointed to a trough in the housing market ast summer, followed by a slow rise in activity in the second half of 1995. "These tentative signs of a

housing market recovery are expected to be sustained in the months shead. Turnover, which is currently over 10 per cent lower than a year ago. should start to recover in early 1996 and double-digit growth rates should be recorded by year-end."

per cent was produced — but still fell disappointingly short of the 24 per cent return pro-

vided by UK equities as a

whole. However, the finding most

likely to be highlighted by the pensions industry is that de-

spite underperforming the

market as a whole last year, British pension funds have comfortably stayed ahead of

inflation by an average 7 per

pensions industry has pro-

duced a negative return in

only one other year — 1990 — over the last decade, while 1989 and 1993 were the only

years in which the market did better than 1995.

The industry was boosted

cent of group sales, left after the company announced

worse than expected half-year

in the share price.

At the time, it was widely assumed that Mr Burr had

carried the can for Tadpole's

problems, which was con-

firmed when Tadpole's

founder and chief executive,

George Grey, publicly at-

him

shortly

Mr Barr added that higher activity was expected to be reflected in gently appreciating house prices, with a rise of 2.5 per cent in the year to lowed by a 4 per cent increase in 1997. lan Shepherdson, econo-

mist at HSBC Greenwell, said any sharp recovery in house prices of 5 per cent or more would "quickly have the Bank of England agitating for

higher interest rates". However, he added that the "nothing would make the Government happier than higher house prices, which could transform the political landscape".

stock market, which pro-

duced a return of 34 per cent. and overseas government

bonds, which returned 21 per cent on the back of falling interest rates worldwide. The most disappointing returns came from the Japanese markets. But the survey, which measured annual returns from over four-fifths of Britain's pension funds, also found that Britain's stock market has underperformed Apart from 1994, the British all major overseas regions,

apart from Japan, over the last five years. equities produced an average annual return of over 16 per cent. while Europe returned 17 per cent, North America 20 per cent, and the Far East, excludfrom 1994's poor showing — last year by outstanding per-when a negative return of 4 formances from the American trailed with 11 per cent.

Chocs away ... Increasing | Allsorts, Polos, and Rown- | tonnes but expenditure health worries have propelled sugar-free chewing rum and "low" calorie Kit Kat bars to the top of the confectionery league tables, but Britain's consumers still spent more on sweets and chocolates in 1995 than ever before according to two new surveys

out today. Wrigley's Extra - the sugar-free gum — was the best-selling sweet last year,

tree's Fruit Pastilles, the results of the annual Trebor Bassett's review of the 1995 sweet market show. The annual survey of the

chocolate market, produced by Cadbury, shows that sales of Kit Kat rose by 4 per cent to £200 million, while sales of Mars bars fell 2 per cent to £150 miltion a year.

One of the hottest summers ever meant that the amount of chocolate sold outstripping old-fashioned amount of chocolate sold favourites like Liquorice fell by 1 per cent to 526,000

to record highs. The aver age Briton spent £24 last year on sweets, the nation 283,000 tonnes of sweets.

## £116,000 Tadpole pay-off Firms face 'hidden tax'

"ADPOLE Technology, the crisis-hit company which makes notebook computers, gave its former director Geoffrey Burr a £116,000 pay-off after he resigned last May, according to the group's annual report.

Mr Burr, who headed Tadpole's American operation,

which accounts for 70 per

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afterwards.

News of the pay-off will out-rage thousands of small investors who lost heavily on Tadpole.

losses, prompting a collapse The shares were priced at 65p when the company was floated on the stock market in 1992, but shot up to a peak of 440p in autumn 1994, helped by over-optimistic profit forecasts from City brokers. Retail investors piled in, at-

tracted by the prospect of rich returns from a supposedly attractive range of hi-tech products, but the shares collapsed to a low of 37p when it transpired that orders for the group's flagship new product the P1000 computer notebook - had been disappointing. Today Tadpole shares

ABOUR has stepped up its campaign to expose Tthe Government's mishandling of the taxation system, by warning that Trea-sury plans to rush in a new self-assessment scheme would mean a hidden tax rise of nearly £1 billion for employ-

Labour's Treasury spokes-man, Andrew Smith, said that the Inland Revenue had con-firmed that an £850 million boost in government finance in 1998/99, shown in the Red Book of Budget forecasts. stemmed entirely from the change in assessment of taxable profits.

would use forthcoming debates on the Finance Bill to delay the planned start of the new system in April 1997, Mr Smith accused the Government of trying to conceal the new scheme's complications and hidden costs to taxpayers and employers.

cause profits were to be assessed on a current rather than a previous year basis, and because personal allowances would be set against current year profits rather than those for the preceding

He said the bill arose be-

Although ministers had admitted that the extra recurrent costs to the self-employed would be between £130 mil- | Government."

Promising that Labour | lion and \$250 million a year they had assumed that the costs would be offset by savings on estimated assessments, postponements and

rose to a record £3.2 bil

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sumed by every man, wom-an and child, with the

nation spending the equiva-lent of £1.06 a week per

Sales of sweets also shot

But he added: "The extra costs are certain, whereas the savings are a conjecture. In reality the self-assessment is a huge change with big bur-dens and costs." These included making 9

million taxpayers responsible for calculating their own tax liability and further new burdens on business. There would also be a period of double taxation with relief only coming in later years, a move which amounted to "an interest-free loan to the

starts with

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## Heathrow still busiest airport

Financial staff

HEATHROW remains by tional airport, easily outstrip ping its nearest rivals, according to the latest figures. The airport, on the west of London, is poised to handle tional non-stop flights in the

lanta, Georgia, is second. while third place goes to Dal-las/Forth Worth airport in Texas, and fourth to Los Angeles International airport. Heathrow, which will handle more than 95,000 domestic departures, is fifth overall with 720,208 passengers.

## ENGLISHMAN IS THE FIFTH 'WORLD' TITLE WINNER OF 1995 Lane's long road to a million dollars

David Davies on the impressive finish to an under-strength world championship

N ONE of the great windfall wins in the history of golf. Barry Lane, eighth in the Volvo Order of hird-place play-off. Merit and 38th on the Sony World Rankings, made a mil-lion dollars on the last day of

He defeated the South African David Frost by two holes to become the inaugural win-ner of the Andersen Consulting World Championship of Golf, at the Grayhawk club in Scottsdale, Arizona.

Lane was representing Europe, for whose Ryder Cup team he failed to qualify this year, and he now joins Fred Couples, Davis Love III, Billy Mayfair and Frank Nobilo as players who have won the right to call themselves "world" something or other in the past few months.

The Briton qualified for the final of this extraordinarily convoluted event by defeating am Torrance two and one at La Moraleja in Madrid in May, Bernhard Langer and Severiano Ballesteros in one day at The Oxfordshire in July, and Japan's Massy Kur-July, and Japan's Massy Kuramoto by two holes at Gray-hawk on December 30. He match with a final birdie at wins £660,000, Frost £330,000 the 588-yard 18th. The length more into line with its title.

Lane was always ahead in the 36-hole final and completed the first 18 in an approximate 67 to Frost's 71. However, that gave him only a one-hole lead and, although he extended that to two up after 27 holes, they were level after 31. But Lane birdied the difficult par-four 15th, where a huge canyon awaits anything hit to the right, and sur-vived the water-strewn short

17th as well.

green, a fashion set by Pete Dye with his notorious watery grave of a hole, the 17th at the Tournament Players Club in Jacksonville, Flor-ida. At Grayhawk they ask for a tee shot of no more than 126 yards, yet name the hole Dev-il's Drink: you are either on the green or in the water. Pro-fessionals despise such holes, for they can be made to look fools, but Lane and Frost got their pars. The Englishman, a long hit-

This hole features an island

of this hole renders the water-fall system to the left of the green redundant, for it requires two massive hits to get anywhere near the water and it was Lane, with the shorter shot to the green, who got the four.

Of those present in Arizona. ane was the best winner for the sponsor. Kuramoto is not a big name even in Japan. and lies outside the top 100 in the Sony Rankings; McCumber has suffered this season from allegations of unfair play when Greg Norman refused to sign his card, sayspike-mark from his line on the green; Frost is a quiet, almost reclusive character. But Lane is outgoing and cheerful and moreover comes from

sulting many opportunities for further exposure. Despite the fact that none of the leading players entered this year — no Norman, Nick Price, Ernie Els, Nick Faldo, Colin Montgomerie, Couples or Jumbo Ozaki, seven of the top 10 in the world — the sponsor is repeating the exercise this year. With the finals put back to January 4-5 1997, Andersen should get a stron-

Europe, giving Andersen Con-



Million dollar man . . . Lane drives at the 18th on his way to victory over David Frost in Scottsdale Photograph JDCUBAN

### **Rugby Union**

## Tis the season to get lolly — and forget loyalty

Robert Armstrong on the impact that professionalism will soon | palatable. Membership fees | hand-clap are likely to be- | say, 32 teams next year the | come the norm after June, will jump by as much as 30 | come commonplace whenever | Courage Leagues could gradu- once the Welsh and the Scots make on the players, clubs, spectators and the England team

the England squad was recently offered £45,000 a year, a sports car and a subsidised flat if he would switch clubs at the end of the season. The player con-sulted his agent, his lawyer, his accountant and finally his club chairman, then replied: "Thanks — but no thanks."

Racing

Ken Oliver

ARTIN PIPE was

happy that dense fog did not reach Exeter

too early yesterday. The Somerset trainer, with the aid of

stable jockey David Bridg-water, landed a 129-1 treble by taking the opening races with

Crosa's Delight, Lisotho and

Challenger Du Luc.
Pipe said he had big plans
for Challenger Du Luc after

the six-year-old gave a fine display of jumping in the Win

With The Tote Novice Chase. He led three fences out and

stormed home by 12 lengths

from Feel The Power.
"He'll be entered for the

Sun Alliance Chase at Chel-

tenham as this was a hot con-

test. This horse has got plenty of gears and won like a real

racehorse, jumping superbly all the way round," said Pipe.

Challenger Du Luc had

been outpointed by Senor El

Betrutti on his previous out-ing but Pipe offered no ex-cuses adding: "That must be a

Lisotho, beaten a long way behind Our Kris at Newbury,

paid that horse a handsome

compliment by getting the better of Ocean Hawk in a

ding-dong battle for the Thur-

lestone Hotel One Hundred Juvenile Novice Hurdle.

ball rolling when sending out

Crosa's Delight to win the

Haldon Sunday Market Sell-

ing Hurdle by three and a half

Tony McCoy, who was due

lengths from Palace Parade.

to ride at Windsor until that

meeting was abandoned,

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Pipe had earlier started the

very good horse too."

witness the most ruthless competition among senior clubs for the best players. A few clubs who fail to get the right financial building blocks in place will suddenly find their playing staffs deci-mated by cold-eyed rivals; others will play a cat-and-mouse game with the loyal-

favour by staying put. His egated clubs will see their club believe that this year the most valuable players jump club believe that this year the most valuable players jump necessary money will be ship as the seven-day regis-

Pipe rings in the new

Richard Thomasson 21st

Birthday Celebration Novice

There were 12 acceptors at yesterday's five-day stage for Saturday's rescheduled King George VI Tripleprint Chase at Sandown, with Master Oats

and Young Hustler being added and Egypt Mill Prince

missing from the original list.

Ladbrokes reopened their ante-post book with One Man

the 3-1 market leader, fol-lowed by 4-1 Barton Bank, 9-2 Merry Gale, 11-2 Master Cats

in an optimistic mood yester day, saying: "We wouldn't be

racing at the moment, but things are improving daily.

Certain parts of the course are still frozen because the

frost has got in quite a long

couple of days before it is ra-ceable, but we have got a cou-ple of days, so we have to be

eight-race card, held over to today from Monday, has

again been frozen off, as has today's fixture at Ayr.

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Feel The Power (9-4 fav); 3, Sarrel FEE
(14-1), 13 ran, 12, dist. (M Pipe) Tota: 15.30;

Results

Certainly we need another

optimistic. The forecast is for Saturday.

Fog will get you if the frost doesn't

THE weather continues to | weather meeting fell victim to fog, the final two races at

Windsor yesterday was Tomorrow's other cards

abandoned due to frost, are at Lingfield and

while Southwell's all- Wolverhampton.

and 10-1 Dublin Flyer. Andrew Cooper, clerk of the course at the Esher track, was

came in for a winning mount | a gradual improvement in the on Purbeck Cavalier in the | weather."

with 129-1 hat-trick

Handicap Hurdle.

TALENTED young | the club's competitive future. | sweep away unwieldy club player on the fringe of | The next eight months will | committees and seize power on the strength of their cheque books.

If 1995 was the year that

saw the game's ruling body, the International Board. make an historic constitutional change in favour of professionalism, then 1996 will be difficult one of practical transformation. At Bath, Like many up-and-coming ties of their players.

Like many up-and-coming ties of their players in Courage League

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The relationship between the find ration and ration are strength to mention characters. powers over ancillary staff.

Television, sponsors, and the players themselves will forthcoming to cap the tration period comes into take an increasingly powerful similar sums to their other as a leather scrum cap, as to players, safeguarding prominent businessmen club members may find it un-

Jim Dreaper, trainer of

Merry Gale, has not decided

whether his horse will travel over from Ireland, explaining:

a day or two. The owner is keen to run and the horse has

been left in the entries, but

we have to consider the ground and other possible

Dreaper's decision could in-

fluence Kim Bailey's choice of

jockey for Master Oats, with

Merry Gale's rider, Graham Bradley, among the possible replacements for Jamie Os-

borne, who is claimed for

"Master Oats is in very good form, but I won't make

any decision about who rides

until later in the week when I see who is available," said

Tony Dobbin, overlooked

for the ride on One Man, is to

take over from Richard Dun-

woody on Unguided Missile in the Newton Handicap

Chase at Haydock on

Exeter going the same way. Edinburgh inspect at

noon today to decide on rac-

ing there tomorrow.

gagements."

Coulton.

per cent next season and spec-tators will be asked to pay £7-£10 to see a match. Low cost rugby is already history.
Indeed, everyone who at-

tends a match will be asked for yet more money after they have entered the ground. This season Harlequins became the first club to charge £2 for a match programme; it of-fered an out-of-date team sheet and minimal informa-tion. Elsewhere lottery tickets, raffles and short-term

players and spectators will be altered, too, as the traditional tolerance of mediocre play

fans take the view that the professionals are not giving value for money. High-profile club rugby will develop as a consequence of

the European Cup, compelling some players to forsake the game in order to focus on their long-term careers. When the English clubs and Scot-tish districts enter the competition for the first time next autumn a new television au-dience will be exposed to the skills of Leicester, Bath and Edinburgh thanks to ITV. The scramble for a place in

Europe should rejuvenate Courage League One, which has largely become a grim battleground on which safetyfirst tactics and cynical cheat-ing tend to be more significant than scoring tries.

ally become a second-tier competition for smaller clubs who aspire to join the elite. Wales and Scotland will have to work hard to prevent

an outflow of gifted players to the leading English clubs, or to such as Newcastle who have acquired a self-made millionaire to enable them to buy their way to the top. Still, trend can be reversed; they brought Jonathan Davies back from rugby league and gave Mark Ring a new con-tract that denied West Hartlepool his services as a player-

summer, though a single Test | that imposes the same deagainst Australia may be staged in Sydney if a date can land soccer team does on be fitted into the Wallables' team discovered during their Indeed, if the European Cup schedule. Short trips to the true measure of rugby recent win over Western proves successful enough to southern hemisphere for up union's leap into the second

have completed their demanding one-month tours to Australia and New Zealand respectively. Argentina and Australia will be visitors to Twickenham in the autumn.

Perhaps the most intriguing question is whether Will Carling and Jack Rowell will still be in their England posts at the end of this year. The nexus of payment to players. the need to entertain and the pressure to win matches could turn out to be a burden that sinks both men.

International matches at seats 75,000, have become a mands on Rowell as the Eng-Terry Venables. That is the

## Samoa, cat-calls and the slow | warrant expansion from 20 to, | to a fortnight are likely to be | half of the Nineties.

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**Motor Racing** 

## Stewart back in F1 with Ford power

Alan Henry on the grand plans of a former champion

ORD is expected to con-firm its decision to award its 1997 For-mula One engine contract to Jackie Stewart's new team at this week's Detroit

This ambitious new grand prix entrant, likely to be named Stewart Grand Prix, will take over supplies of the new three-litre Cosworth-built V10 engine at the end of the coming season, supplanting the Swiss-based Sauber team as Ford's F1 standard bearer.

Stewart, now 56, retired from driving in 1973 after winning his third world title for the Surrey-based Tyrrell team. Thereafter he nsolidated his position as a multi-millionaire internaconsultant, but revived his active involvement with the sport in 1987 when he helped establish a small team to back the racing ambitions of his son Paul.

Since then Paul Stewart Racing, based in Milton into one of the most com-petitive professional teams outside F1. Their most notable achievements are a hat-trick of British F3 championships, secured in 1992 by Gil de Ferran, in 1993 by Kelvin Burt and in 1994 by Jan Magnusson. who is now the McLaren F1 team's official test driver.

about the recent spate of FI rumours. "We have examined several options for the future," he admitted. "All I can say is that if we do F1 we will have to do it properly. We have no intention of getting involved in a half-hearted programme." Indeed, the Stewart F1 team are likely to be a substantially expanded operaplanned and an established to lead the design team Start-up costs are estimated at £10-15 million, with the annual operating budget thereafter, on top of the free Ford engines, being

about £15 million. No details of sponsorship are yet known but Stewart's proven business acumen, allied to his high-profile racing image, should make the team a tempting prospect for investors. On the other hand the technical challenges in-

have never been more daunting. Two tail-end were lost last year and the competitive pressure at the front of the field remains formidable

newcomer on the scene was Jordan in 1991, who fin-ished fifth in the constructors' championship at their first attempt, setting a daunting benchmark at which Stewart will be aiming in 1997.

### Tennis

### French pair are no match for Croatia

CROATIA, the favourites, had little difficulty in beating France in the Hopment in Perth yesterday. Straight-set victories by Iva Majoli and Goran Ivanisevic over Catherine Tanvier and Arnaud Boetsch gave them a 2-0 win in the Group A round-

Ivanisevic took only 72 minutes to beat Boetsch 7-5, 6-4 without producing any of his usual big serves or aces. Ma-joli, playing in the cup for the first time, did not have to exert herself against an opponent still recovering from surgery on her right knee and

Earlier the fifth-seeded United States produced the first upset of the tournament by beating the highly fancied South Africa 2-1.

Richey Reneberg beat the world No. 9 Wayne Ferreira 6-2, 6-2 to bring the match level at 1-1 after his partner. the teenager Chanda Rubin, lost 6-2, 6-4 to Amanda Coetzer. In the deciding mixed doubles Reneberg and Rubin best the South Afri-

in the match between Coetzer and Rubin the controversial electronic line-calling system failed, leaving the English umpire Jane Harvey to make all the calls.

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playing 4-2-4, with Jones taking on his latest role in a busy week, this time as a right-winger. The first tangible product of the fight-back arrived on 55 minutes when Heldswarth handed

when Holdsworth headed in Leonhardsen's cross.

Sensing what might be about to happen, Everton's manager Joe Royle went

down to the bench, only to

for bringing down Ekoku. Wimbledon's second goal

arrived on 73 minutes, Ekoku holding off Jackson before sliding the ball past Southall. In the frenetic chase for the equaliser, Rideout appeared to handle

and a minute from time

Holdsworth wasted a glori-

shooting feebly at Southall. Everton had opportuni-ties to stretch their lead

notably when Rideout and then Ebbrell shot wide

from great positions created by Ferguson. In the end it did not matter. Un-

like the Big Scot, Wimble-don could not get out of jail.

Darko Kovacevic set up Sheffield Wednesday's 4-2

victory over Bolton Wan-derers yesterday with his first two goals for the club in only his second start.

The Serb, signed along with the £2 million defender De-

Star Belgarde, was given a standing ovation when he was substituted by Mark

Bright in the 73rd minute.
"When he learns a bit

more English perhaps he'll complain about being

from Sasa Curcic and Gerry

like gaining their first away

No one was surprised Taggart but rarely looked

Ferguson pair

unlocks door

Wimbledon 2, Everton 3

IMBLEDON paid the price for be-lieving their Christmas public-

ity yesterday when, after ity yesterday when, after consecutive and deserved wins at Chelsea and Arsenal, they entered the new year flat on their face.

A first half spent strolling around as if in self-congratulation ended with them 3-0 down to a rampant Everton, and though

they emerged after the in-terval with more than the frost stinging their ears the

deficit proved too much to pull back. Joe Kinnear's

home since September 9. For Everton this was

or a canter as yesterday's first half turned out to be,

with Duncan Ferguson scor-ing two goals, his first away from Goodison Park,

and setting up the other. Not bad for a man making

only his second start since

being released from jail and still not fully fit. As

against Leeds two days ear-lier, his strength and

height proved too unset-tling for the Wimbledon de-

fence, particularly in that one-way first half.

At 5ft 9in, Ferguson's

marker Perry was six inches the shorter, but it

youngster's chest. Reaching the right dead-ball line,

Ebbrell pounced on the

Twenty-four minutes

later Ferguson, despite hav-ing Perry within smelling distance of his aftershave,

Martin Thorpe

Premiership: Tottenham Hotspur 4, Manchester United 1

## **Armstrong gives United defence** a night to forget

**David Lacey** 

ited's pursuit of Newcastle at the ship stalled last night as Tot-tenham Hotspur shrugged aside their own injury problems to punish the chronic weaknesses that have suddenly arisen in Alex Fergu-son's defence.

United had had a happy Christmas. Last night they sought a potentially prosper-ous new year by reducing Newcastle's lead to its narrowest margin since the end

of October.

To do this United had to beat Spurs. which did not seem a tall order seeing that they had won on four of their previous five visits to White Hart Lane and had not lost to Tottenham for five years.

May and Irwin, had joined Bruce and Pallister in the Old Trafford treatment room, but already Prunier had proved himself a deputy of some quality at centre-back.

Tottenham also lacked fam-iliar faces and last night Mabbutt had joined a casualty list which included Fox, Howells, Dozzell and Anderton. The reshuffle found Nethercott in Mabbutt's role at centre-back, with Caskey joining Campbell

glanced behind off the outside of the near post. Then Rosenthal fed the ball through a yawning gap to Armstrong, whose snap shot from 20 yards ricocheted off the right. yards ricocheted off the right-

hand angle. United's attack looked equally dangerous and Tot-tenham's makeshift defence was pulled this way and that was pulled this way and that by the pace and movement of Giggs, Cole and Cantons. A couple of French headers, a shot from Cole and a free-kick from Beckham were part of the range-finding process. All were either saved by Walker, stopped on the line or simply missed the target.

it was no great surprise then when Spurs went ahead after 34 minutes; nor did many jaws drop when United drew level less than a minute

Armstrong set up Totten-ham's brief initial lead, gath-ering a pass from Austin on the right and feeding the ball low into the middle where Sheringham, in a lot of space between Prunier and Beck-ham, had time to correct a poor first touch before beating Schmeichel.

United's response was masterful. An exchange of passes between Phil Neville and Butt in central midfield.

All the portents, then, favoured United. But it was Tottenham who hit post and his fourth goal in as many crossbar in the opening 10 matches.

front on the stroke of half-time. A right-wing centre from Austin, which took a steep deflection off Keans, did the damage. The strength in the air of Pallister was hadly missed as Parker, though be reached the ball ahead of Sheringham, could only clear it to Campbell, who scored confidently from just beyond

the penalty area. The way Schmeichel limped off the field at the end of the first half, it was inevitable that Pilkington should replace him in United's goal for the second. Within two minutes the deputy was pick-ing the ball out of the net. Yet again a high cross, from

Caskey on the left this time, caused trouble for United. Rosenthal came in behind Sheringham at the far post to nod the hall back, and Arm-

Armstrong chested a cross on to Sheringham and then headed the ball past Pilking-ton after his fellow striker had chipped it back into the middle. United, far from inleaders, were heading for their season's heaviest defeat.

Middlesbrough 0, Aston Villa 2

## Easy for Villa as Boro's balloon hits wasteland

NDER-soil heating — who needs it? Aston Villa's chairman Doug ing his side benefit from their enforced Christmas R&R with a victory of composure and vitality at the Riverside Stadium last night.

Playing their first game for nine days Villa made light work of disjointed opponents, with first-half goals from Alan Wright and Tommy Johnson to delight their manager Brian Little, a former Middlesbrough youth coach. To survive the weather, Boro pinned their faith in a

huge inflatable balloon — but the balloon that has popped will be of more concern. Once they have now lost three successive matches as well as half a dozen key players

Villa, stronger, more fluent and more composed, had asserted their authority long behigh quality.

Nowhere was their dominance more marked than in the first-half display of their wing backs Charles and Wright, who outplayed their opposite numbers Fleming and Cox and combined after the combined after the combine in a hully trackenit 21 minutes for Villa's opening goal. Charles's cross escaped volley flew into Walsh's far

The home reply was indifferent. Juninho, like the new stadium itself, can hardly pess a moment without at tracting another accolade, but neither was enhanced last night by the wasteland sur-

Walsh was fortunate to be struck in the chest when a drive from Yorke left him clueless, and the goalkeeper was beaten again five minutes before half-time. Johnson had proved increasingly elusive behind Villa's front two and when Townsend whipped in a left-wing cross his instant control and clinical left-foot finish were of

and cloth cap, was a collector's item

Middlesbrough rarely found the subtlety demanded of such a diminutive strike force; and it was in danger of becoming smaller still as the Bolivian Moreno promised to

disappear completely. Hendrie was made of more spirited stuff and when he forced the ball over from the left Juninho seemed certain to score, only for a likely volley from eight yards to run harmlessly off his knee. Two months into his Teesside career the Brazilian's resolve

Middlesbrough: Walsh; Cox, Vickers, Pearson (Whelen, TZmin), Liddle, Fleming (Moore, 63), Slamp, Pollock, Junisho, Handris (Blackmore, 68), Moreno. Aston Wilse Bosnich: Charles, Ehlogu, Southgate, Scimecs, Wright, Johnson, Draper, Townsend, Yorke, Milosevic.

Leeds United 0, Blackburn Rovers 0

### Fans in a fog as dreary duo settle for a draw

HE fog over Yorkshire seemed to seep into the brains of both teams at Elland Road yesterday afternoon. Here was lack of spark and clarity in awful excess in a game that was deadly dull from start to finish with nothing to commend it other than the final whistle.

Howard Wilkinson put it all down to an excess of matches. The Leeds manager is an advocate of a winter break and on this occasion it was hard to argue with him. Just a few minutes before the start it apeared the fog might close in and prevent any match at all. That would have been a mercy for players and fans

"It is really not fair to the paying public to watch players who are so fatigued," said Ray Harford, the Blackburn manager. "Shearer, for example, has already played 35

Professionals will always

Cricket

not do entirely. The real truth is that both teams are little more than ordinary at the moment and on this occasion they settled for the easy

Rovers played for the draw and Leeds probably felt they had already given their fans all they really wanted with the 3-1 Christmas Eve victory over Manchester United.

option.

The opening was reason combined down the right for Blackburn, and Beeney saved Shearer's shot with his foot for Jobson to hustle away the loose ball. Bohinen then set up another chance for the England striker but his drive from outside the penalty area

swirled over. Yeboah responded in kind, his shot not requiring Flowers to do anything more than follow the trajectory with his eyes. Thereafter everything took a decided turn for the

McAllister might have been

make excuses but the "too the player to pierce the gloom many games" argument will but his attempts to open up play were regularly thwarted by his total inability to pass the ball straight. Probably United's best chance came, however, when the Scot was put away on the right by Speed and, for once, behind the Blackburn defence. McAllister duly cut the ball back to nobody. It summed up his

> Blackburn, no doubt sensing that a point was theirs for the easy picking, ventured lit-tle in the second half and so the match teetered to an abject finish.

> television the other day about the attraction of the holiday period, but the attraction is not as good as the produc said Harford. He should have

> gone to Antield. Leeds United: Seeney, Kelly, Palmer, Deane, McAllister, Speed, Worfalngton, Jobson, Brolin (Wallage, 81mm), Yebogh,

Stackbern Hovers: Flowers; Coleman, Konna, Ripley, Shearer, Newell (Fenton, 75), Marker, McKinlay, Berg, Bohlnen, Satty (Homes, h-II. Refereer L Ollies (Mossley).

## Seeing is believing for Hibs

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who watched Hibernian dismantle Hearts yesterday must have thought a hallucinogen had been slipped into their

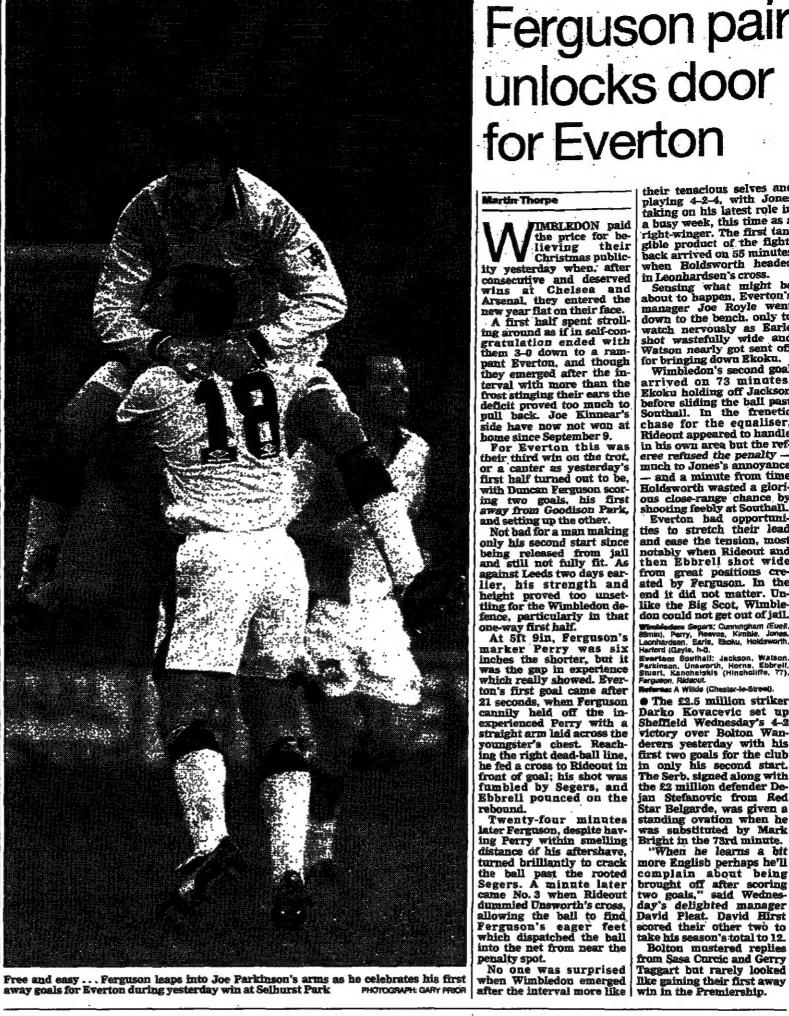
Hogmanay juice. It had been but 48 hours since the Easter Road side were left shredded by Rangers in a 7-0 thrashing from which it seemed hardly possible to recover without a lengthy

stay in a rehab unit.

habit of playing tricks on a Scotsman's mind, but those scotsman's mind, but those scotsman's mind, but those scotsman's mind, but those scotsman is mind, but those scots

The margin of their superiority was not hinted at during a first half in which all the goals were scored. Hibs even allowed the visitors to take an early lead when Pointon scored in his first Edinburgh

But that was virtually the end of Hearts, as O'Neill and Harper scored and Rousset, the tall French goalkeeper. Yet. despite winning only became a one-man resistance in the second period.



when Wimbledon emerged like gaining their first aw after the interval more like win in the Premiership.

## Gabbiadini keeps Derby on a roll

Neil Robinson

HE weather and a crossbar conspired to assist Derby County's rapid rise towards the Premiership yesterday.
With Charlton Athletic,
Birmingham City and Sunderland idle, Jim Smith's

side went seven points clear at the top of the First victory in 10 games. Their winner against Norwich came in the 90th minute when a Marco Gab-

biadini header crept in off the underside of the bar. Little went right for the visitors, whose manager Gary Megson may face a disciplinary charge after being banished from the touchline for remarks he made to the referee. Meg-son was angry that Jim Rusbton ordered Shann Casey from the pitch with a gashed forehead when injury had already reduced Norwich to 10 men. Derby

Leicester remain un-beaten under Martin O'Neill, although they should have had more than a point at Millwall after Steve Corica put them

Ron Willems scoring in the

ahead. Roberts missed twice - the first chance from three yards — and laid on two excellent opportuni-ties for Taylor, but again the finishing was woeful. Chris Malkin equalised in

Southend equalled their best unbeaten run since 1985, nine games without defeat, although there was little else of note in a turgid goalless draw Barnsley.

Two goals from Alex Mathie at Portman Road took his season's tally to 11 as Ipswich thumped Port Vale 5-1, and Huddersfield's via their first penalty of the season from Ronnie Jepson.

Crystal Palace withstood a spirited Portsmouth fightback to win 3-2 at Fratton Park. The visitors cruised to a three-goal lead through David Hopkin (two) and Dougie Freed-man, but Guy Butters and Fitzroy Simpson ensured a tense finale.

Division games postponed, David Linighan's last-minute winner at Carlisle put Leo Fortune-West's 12th goal of the season, at Ori-ent, sent Gillingham top of the Third Division.

With all but two Second

Manchester City 2, West Ham United 1

Manchester City scored more than one goal in a match for the first time this season: the down side, that it was against a perfectly dread-

horn in goal. With West Ham's firstchoice keeper Miklosko serving a one-match suspension, and the stand-in Sealey in-jured in training on Friday, the manager Harry Redknapp had no choice but to play the YTS trainee Nell Finn, who left school only in the summer and is so new to Upton

"I asked the Premier League if I could take a goalkeeper on loan," Redknapp said, "but because it was inside the 48 hours required they said I would have to play

As it turned out, West Ham did not need a goalkeeper at all for the first 20 minutes. not only the worst in England's four divisions but worse than anything in even

penalty spot.

## Mighty Quinn stings Finn

Cynthia Bateman

ful West Ham with a green-

located a squad number.

an outfield player. I thought they might have shown a bit of common sense in the circumstances.

their opponents' shooting was so wayward. City's tally of 10 at the start of this game was the Scottish Second Division.

in 14 league appearances, and the pattern looked familiar as the Irishman headed two chances wide, Summerbee missed by a mile and Rösler When Quinn did get the ball

shot high after heading wide. in the net in the 21st minute it owed something to the young zoalkeeper's inexperience. Brightwell's long ball was flicked on by Rösler and as Quinn chased it Finn came out to challenge him on the edge of the area. But the striker got there first, chipped the stranded goalkeeper and

tapped in the goal.

West Ham replied on the half-hour with only their second effort of the match.



Quinn had scored only once | but Rieper's header from Hughes's corner was disallowed. Eight minutes later City had the ball in the net

again but Lomas's 25-yard strike was disallowed because Without the enterprise of Dicks. West Ham would have been nothing, and when City failed to clear a free-kick the full-back laid on the equaliser with a cross from the lefthand side of the box which Dowle headed in with a quarter of an hour left.

But three minutes later City did what had begun to seem impossible: score a second. The centre-half Symons played in the cross, Ekelund side-footed against the post and Quinn, from three feet, slotted past the young keeper, who in truth had hardly been asked to do a

man's job. At 17 and three days Finn is a long way off being the youngest keeper in the top flight. That record is held by Derek Forster, who played for Sunderland against Leicester in 1964 at 15. "The kid has done well," said Redknapp. "But let's face it, he didn't really have a shot to save."

Manchester CHyr Imme!, Brown. Symons, Curie. Brightwell, Summerbee, Kinkladge, Filtcroll (Ekelund, 57min). Lomas Rösler (Phillips, 75). Quinn. West Hem Geitschr Firm; Harkes, Pots. Rioper, Dicks, Stater Bisbob, Moncur, Wallamson (Hutchison, 66), Hugnes, Cowas. Returner & Reed (Bimmorkem).

Coventry 1, Southampton 1

## Referee ticked off despite Whelan late show

Paul Weaver

VEN the referee ap-peared bored by this dour struggle in the Premiership's sediment section. Keith Cooper blew the final whistle in the 89th minute and only restarted the game after an animated protest by Coventry's assistant manager Gordon Strachan. They played on for another 95

After winning three of their previous four matches Coventry were hoping for more than this, but their point, from a late goal by Noel Whelan, just keeps them out of the bottom three, above Manches- | vic from close range.

ter City on goal difference. It | Whelan's goal was rather was Whelan's third goal in as | different: he picked the ball many matches.

Southampton, meanwhile, have become draw specialists: this was their fifth in six games. Without the creative gifts of Matthew Le Tissier, who has a calf injury, they were more defensive than usual; and once they had taken the lead in the 64th they looked

Their goal came from a short corner on the right by Jim Magilton. He found Alan Neilson, whose ball to the near post was perfectly weighted for Neil Heaney to good job for us in recent run in and beat Steve Ogrizo-

play a stifling containing game and can be difficult to up on the halfway line, looked break down. I was hoping we up three or four times in the would score first and open vain hope of finding supporting players, fell down, picked Southampton's manager himself up, survived five Dave Merrington's view of tackles and despite being sur-Whelan's goal was underrounded by three defenders

found time to score with a low drive to Dave Beasant's left. Coventry's manager Ron Atkinson said: "It was the best goal I've seen this season and I doubt whether you'll see a better one before the summer. I reckon he beat about 12 players I was waiting for him to lay the ball off. He's done a

standably different. "How we can let a player run from the halfway line and score is unbelievable, and it cost us two

Apart from that we were excellent. We have put in some solid performances and bedifficult to play

He added: "The referee started the year well. didn't

Whelan's goal was rather | showed. But Southampton | watch." Makes a change from a new pair of glasses, someone suggested. Cooper said: "I had a new watch for Christmas and the

stop-watch on it didn't work. I always carry two watches and I double-checked the other. but that was wrong as well. As soon as everyone protested I realised I had made a mistake, and once the linesman told me the correct time I was happy to carry on. It's never happened to me before and I Coventry Chy Ogrizovic, Busit, Shaw. Hell, Pickering, Teller (Lamptey, 67min), Williams, Richardson, Salako, Dublin, hope it never does again.

"At times our thredness he? I just hope he gets a new

## Fraser's last chance before home Tuigamala

Mike Selvey in Cape Town on England's one-day discards and final Test squad

nouncement that five players of the current squad will fly home immediately after the final Test and before the first of seven one-

day internationals. One does not know whether to feel sympathy or pleasure for John Crawley and Mark Rott, both of whom have been injured, for Jason Gallian. Crawley's replacement, and for the old stalwarts Devon

Malcolm and Angus Fraser.
Fraser is not yet out of the
World Cup; his name, and
those of the 17 players who will remain, have been sub-mitted to the World Cup orga-nisers as the broad base of the final squad. The list will be whittled down to 14 at the end of this tour - or England may decide to change it again. No

In reality any member of the England party who is deprived of the opportunity to compete in the World Cup is entitled to feel disappointment, although with the ex-ception of Fraser, and per-haps Crawley, they would all have known which way the wind was blowing.

Fraser is the one who will feel it most, for although he is included in the 18, the fact that he is not being played in the one-day matches here is in-

dicative of the thinking.
This has been a disappointing tour for him. He began it as an integral part of the cap-tain Mike Atherton's plans, only to be omitted from the side for the third Test after an indifferent first innings in Jo-hannesburg was followed by a much more punchy second. Nor, after the success of the swing bowlers in Durban, did he figure in the thinking for

Yesterday, though, Fraser was also given the opportu-nity to leave his mark on the

NGLAND's World squad of 13 players for the Cup plans became fifth and final Test which begins at Newlands today. He is almost certain to make the almost certain to make the final 11.

The big fella does not take rejection kindly and is des-perate to make a success of this latest opportunity. "It has been a frustrating and disappointing tour," he said yesterday. "I have not had much chance to get back, although I've worked hard in practice.

Obviously it means people have their doubts about you and that is why they leave you out. But after a bad first innings in Johannesburg I thought I bowled well in the second and with a bit of luck could have had five wicket instead I was left in the lurch

There is a belief, which has decide to change it again. No one, least of all the competing countries, appears to be clear about what is binding and indeed that a belowpar Fraser no longer remains better than most others at

increasingly he has looked cumbersome and lacking the bat-jarring nip and extra yard thority to his bowling. A dearth of action has not helped but it is probably time to move on.

Yet old bowlers never die, they say, and this one is not about to go quietly. "My about to go quietly. "My career has had its ups and downs but I have always had the feeling that the opposition regard me highly and are sur-prised when I've been left out," he said. "But I believe I'm capable of doing well at this level, and I've certainly got a point to prove."

do so as part of a five-man attack, and to accommodate them all England will go into the match with one fewer front-line batsman than in the previous Tests. It may seem a gamble but no one has got runs at No.3 so they have been a batsman light in any

Fraser will be attempting to

Should England adopt this strategy then Gallian will be the man to go, Robin Smith will move into the position from hell and Jack Russell will step up a place.

"We have been batting more consistently than at the start of the tour and so we can change the policy," said Ray-mond Illingworth. "We've got to back them to get enough runs and they have seen plenty of the South Africa bowlers to be able to do that."
The pitch for the match has been relaid and yesterday showed a few cracks and little grass. If it helps a spinner it is

more likely to be the left-arm wrist spin of Paul Adams playing in front of a sell-out crowd in his home city— than an England finger spinner, namely Mike Watkinson should Richard Illingworth not prove his fitness.

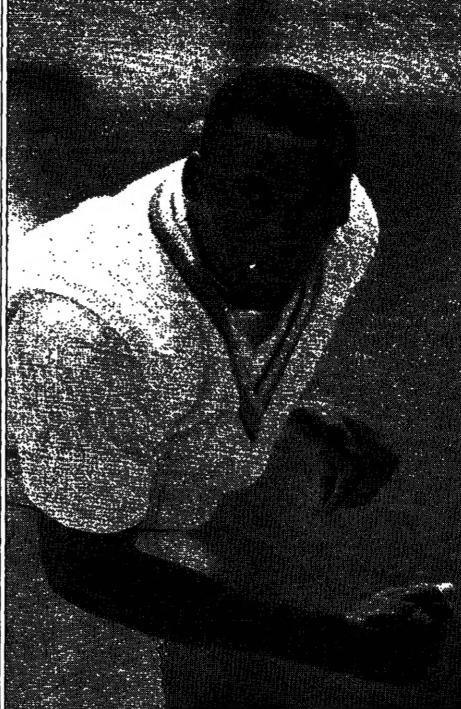
Illingworth suffered an intercostal injury at Port Elizabeth — not while in the act of bowling but while

stretching high for a caughtand-bowled chance at the end of an over that had seen two and his chances of immediate recovery are slim.

bowlers means that Malcolm is also given the opportunity to fire on the final lap. Had there been only a four-man attack, illingworth explained, it would not have been worth the risk of Malcolm's direc-tion-finder going out of synch: the result could have been too horrible to contemplate. Now, however, options are open to Atherton. Both sides are aware of the

prestige and finance, for should England win they will collect £80,000 from various sources, £10,000 less than South Africa if they are victorious. To collect, however, there will have to be rather Elizabeth.

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ENGLAND (from): M A Alberton (capit, A J Stewart, R A Szuirt. G P Thorpe, G A Hick, R C Russelli (wid), D G Cork, M Walkinson, P J Martin, A R C Fraser, D E Mallosim, R K filingworth, J E R Galikan, SOUTH AFRICA (from): A C Hudson, G Kirrsen, W J Cronje (capit), D J Cullinan, D J N Rhodes, J H Kalika, B M McMillan, D J Richardson (with), S M Politock, C R Matthews. A A Donald, P R Adams. W Boys.



Originally the pavilion was supposed to stay. But that is under the control of

the Western Province Cricket Club, a different en-

tity to the association,

which leases most of the ground. The relationship is

MCC and TCCB at Lord's

and equally prone to ten-sion. The club employed its

own architect, who put up something unrelated to the

### Rugby League

Championship: Warrington 12, Wigan 41

## title charge

HE reason Va'aiga Tuigamala joined Wigan, he says, was that he wanted to learn his adopted code from the best players available. After two years in the sport he can now conduct his own master classes. Yesterday he took time to

find his feet on a tricky Wil-derspool surface but ended the game with three tries, the major contributor to a victory that all but assured Wigan of their seventh successive title. Leeds's win at St Helens means the presentation can-not be held yet, but for Wigan

to be deprived of the prize now would take a series of improbable results: huge wins for Leeds in their last two games, massive defeats for

Wigan in their final three.
The Centenary Champion-ship has lacked authenticity and will pass into history uning artificial about the satisfaction of Graeme West, might not represent the club's but it is a trophy they are des-perate to win, not least be-cause they will now keep the

Wigan won the game emphatically, but in the first half Warrington were the more impressive side. They might moments of misfortune. After 33 minutes Paul

Bennett, and Warrington's pack was never the same.

Five minutes later Thurs field was unlucky to knock on and from the resultant scrum Tuigamala drove over for his Warrington went in justifi-ably feeling miffed.

But Wigan effectively ended the contest in the first five minutes of the second half. O'Connor and Hall combined to set up a try for Robinson, then an error by Bennett gave Haughton possession and Smyth touched down. Wigan were reduced to 12

O'Connor was sent to the sin-bin for a late challenge on Ford which possibly deserved a red card rather than yellow. Wigan accumulated points. Shaun Edwards celebrated his OBE with a try and a drop goal, and Paul landed his fifth goal as Wigan stretched their lead to 31-6.

Paul Barrow, signed last month from Swinton, com-pleted a good Warrington move just after the hour but in the final minutes Tuiga-mala, twice capitalising on mala, twice capitalising on Edwards's promptings, completed a powerful hat-trick. Warringtons Penny (Knoll. Semin); Forster, Thompson. Finau, Echersley; Rudd, Ford; Hilton (King. 52), Thursled, Chambers, Barrow, Knoti (Holden, 57). Scillhorpe (Bannett, 33). Wigness Connolly; Robinson, Tulgamala. Radlinski, Smyth; Paul (Craig. 87). Schwards; Come (Skarrott, 28; Dermolt, 73). Hall, O'Connor, Cuinnell, Cassidy (Johnson, 53), Haughton.
Reference S Presley (Cassetord).

### Leeds keep on winning but will have to settle for second spot

A SET of the most unlikely first 20 minutes but were tresults could still give then blitzed by four tries Leeds the Centenary Cham-pionship, but they will be content now to settle for runners-up spot, writes Paul Fitzpatrick.

Their 20-14 win at St Helens was their fourth league win in succession. Saints were flattered to be level at half-time but tries from Innes and Hall in the second half put a truer reflection on the contest. A Gibbs try converted by Goulding brought the score to 14-16 with minutes remaining but Shaw's try gave Leeds victory.

even bigger roll than Leeds and their win at Castleford was their eighth in succession, the best run in the club's 12-year history.

then blitzed by four tries before half-time and four afterwards, with Lawless and Sodje collecting two apiece. Two late tries by Steadman did nothing to dim Eagles' first win at Wheldon Road.

A touchdown from the 19-Munro 10 minutes from time brought Halifax vic-tory over Bradford Bulls at Huddersfield.

Summers and Loughlin scored tries in a first half dominated by the Bulls but Halifax were much more impressive in the second Baldwin touched down before Munro settled matters.

Sam Panapa scored three tries as Salford took an-Castleford somehow kept Division title, the Eagles scoreless for the Featherstone 24-6. Division title, beating

### American Football

### Crockett fires his Colts

Yesterday, Australia beat West Indies by one wicket when Michael Bevan struck a HE stand-in running back Zack Crockett was the surthe Colts upset the defending AFC champions San Diego 35-20 in the last wild-card Muttiah Muralitharan has been included in Sri Lanka's play-off.

Crockett, filling in for the injured Marshall Faulk. scored two touchdowns on after a regular season in which he had only one carry and gained no yards.
"Zack was unbelievable,"

said the Colts' quarterback

HE stand-in running-back | Jim Harbaugh. "It was crazy Zack Crockett was the sur | the way he was running out a beautiful thing." Earlier, Brett Favre threw

for 199 yards and three touchdowns as Green Bay beat Atlanta 37-20 in the NFC wildcard game. The Packers meet the defending champions, the 49ers, in San Francisco on Saturday.

## loss of the world's most beautiful ground VER the next few Mountain but it no longer days anyone switch broods over the ground as

Matthew Engel in Cape Town on the

ing their radio to the cricket will be fed endless topographical and meteorological details about Cape Town and Table Mountain. You will be irritated by constantly being told that the weather in South Africa | side, the pavilion with its is wonderful. (At last. At the moment).

You may also be told that Newlands is the most beautiful big cricket ground in the world. It is no longer true: Newlands has been

The ground where the fifth Test starts today not only bears no resemblance to the one on which England played their last Test in Cape Town 31 years ago, it that of even three years ago. | with Snowdon in the back-No one has moved Table | ground as well, and you get

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broods over the ground as magnificently as it did, because it has to compete with four new stands. Everything else has gone: the oaks, which were Newlands' motif and its glory. the plane trees on the other Long Room, the whole amhience of the place that made it so special.

"They assured everyone that it wouldn't lose its old feeling," said Richard Whittingdale, editor-inchief of the magazine SA Cricket Action. "But as you can see, that didn't happen. It's lost its soul. I think it's

disgusting."
Imagine a cricket ground combining the best features bears no resemblance to of Lord's and Worcester,

an idea of what Newlands | block at any big match. It | used to be like. (There was | was rather Third World." always a smoke-belching brewery next door but somehow the nature of its product made it more acceptable than the average factory). If such a place ex-isted in Britain, people would lie in front of the bulldozers before it was altered; here it was demolished with hardly a peep. "Perhaps there has been a bit too much going on in this country for people to get worked up," said

Whittingdale.
The Western Province Cricket Association, which runs the ground, did have a problem. "It was still essen-tially a village green," said Erik van Vlaanderen, chairman of the Newlands Development Committee. It was rustic and pretty, but backward. It was under threat as a Test venue. For instance, people would have to wade through water to get to the ablution

Van Vlaanderen says the nature of the site made niecemeal change impossi ble. The oak trees had to go because the only way to get in more seating was to move the whole field 40 feet to the east. But, considering the scale of the change, the capacity has not in-creased that much: from 16,000 to 23,500. There are about 120 pri

Changes that took the soul out of Newlands Boon docked

vate boxes, plus three private clubs, which is how the whole thing was financed. The major difference is that most people now have seats and only a small number will be left sitting on banks, watching the match in the traditional South African way. Part of the rationale was that the old system made crowd control difficult. Now there is a double barrier separating spectators from the ground. where they used to play in-formal lunchtime cricket.

other new buildings and vaguely derived from the Sydney pavilion. The eco-nomics of this are said to be normal of this are said to be particularly fraught.

Now, with floodlights as well, Tina Turner is coming, Cliff Richard has been, so have Liverpool FC for a friendly against Cape Town Spurs. Pavarotti would have been at Newlands this week except for the Test match. Cape Town has a perfectly decent modern multi-purpose stadium, but it has lost something private and investmental less than the state of the

unique and irreplaceable. Crocks: 2. Stretfield: Trison Lawless 2, Sodio 2, Garda, Hay, McAlleter, Stott. Gealer Mycoo 5 (3,472)
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## **Darts**

American Football ice Hockey

DEAN JONES has returned from the inter-

national wilderness and has

been called up to Australia's preliminary 18-man squad for

the World Cup beginning next

month. The 34-year-old bats-man last played for them on the tour to South Africa in

There is no place for David

Boon, who was dropped for

the opening round of matches in the current World Series

tournament against West

boundary off the last ball to

overtake the visitors' 172 for

World Cup squad despite doubts about the legitimacy

of the off-spinner's action.

Indies and Sri Lanka.

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Rugby League STONES CENTENARY CHAMPION SKIP: Second Division Hull KR v York

## Sport in brief

Phil Taylor gained sweet in Germany on Sunday, was revenge when he beat Dennis said to be in "satisfactory Priestley 6-4 in the final of the World Professional Chamfinal two years ago.
Although Priestley man-

against 10 by Taylor, it was Taylor who made the break-

### Mika Laitinen, who broke his left collarbone and seven ribs at Garmisch-Partenkirchen

Ski-jumping

condition" yesterday.
The Finn, who leads the pionship yesterday. Taylor World Cup standings, was had lost 6-1 to Taylor in the taken to hospital after a bad landing in a practice jump for the New Year's Day competiaged 15 maximum 180s tion. He also had concussion. The Finnish team manager Matti Pulli ruled out faulty

through when he won the equipment as the cause of fifth set against the run of Laltinen's fall. "It was simply play to go 3-2 up and lead for lack of concentration on the first time in the match. Mike's part," he said.

## Teamtalk

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BRITISH LEAGUE Presser Division Basingstoke v Stough (6.0); Humbersde v Sheffield (6.0); Division Onse Billingham v Panetry (8.0); Manchester v Tellord; Murrayland v Duminias (6.50); Solshuli v Chelmstord (6.0).

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## ports Guardian

## MERSEYSIDERS FIGHT BACK TO TAKE SIX-GOAL THRILLER

Premiership: Liverpool 4, Nottingham Forest 2

## **Collymore haunts Forest**

lan Ross

O BLACK was No-vember for Liver-pool that it is unlikely they will win a first Championship in six years, but if nothing else they will continue to make life uncomfortable for the Uniteds of Newcastle and

This was glorious stuff: majestic flowing football, goals aplenty and, above all. skill. Liverpool were two goals adrift after only 18 minutes yet by the time the skies above Amfield darkened they had inflicted only the third Premiership defeat of the season on Nottingham Forest.

As ever, Forest's game plan held nothing more ambitious or adventurous than the rudimentary counter-attack. It is an unassuming strategy but when implemented correctly — or, as yesterday, beautifully — it is effective enough to dismantle the most proficient defence.

In the absence of the injured Mark Wright, Liverpool's back line was, initially at least, anything but profi-cient, and there was no hint of cohesion until Forest's attacks eventually became predictable.

A sense of disarray which often seemed to verge on pan-le was so pronounced that Forest led by two goals with barely a fifth of the game gone. In no way did it flatter

Both goals served to reemphasise that simple is best, and, as Forest have proved in the European arena, they are the best a keeping it simple

Liverpool held out for 15 minutes and that was to be applauded, so irresistible and football. Then Steve Stone's perfect left-foot drive, delivhad undone the sleepy de-

fence, put Forest in front.



Taking it in his stride  $\dots$  Stan Collymore gets the better of Mark Crossley and slides home Liverpool's decisive third goal

beachhead had seemingly be- could not have missed had he the salvaging of pride, not come a fortress. Again Forest tried. ence, put Forest in front.

In nonchalantly rolled his cross by their form, their most inslake it until it rattled.

Five minutes on and the into the path of Woan, who viting option appeared to be Of course the archite

did no more than prod hopefully at Liverpool's soft underbelly; finding himself standing in splendid isolation on the byline, Paul McGregor of the long tunnel flickered of the long tunnel flickered rather than burned; deserted afternoon by the throat and

Forest's downfall was Stan Collymore. The striker has spent considerably more time up trees since his summer move between the clubs, but he clearly has more friends to the clear of the clear o planting seeds than pulling dictably the tiny pocket of Forest supporters baited him with cries of "Judas, Judas".

After a dull and listless start to the season Collymore has actually been playing rather well of late. This was to be his day and, if he has been patiently waiting for something which resembles a watershed, he may now have

In the first half Liverpool's £8.5 million investment had provided Robbie Fowler with two goals in 10 first-half minutes; two sublime crosses, two precise headers. Then, just after the hour, Collymore nimself appeared to have contributed the afternoon's final chapter when he made much of Steve Chettle and Mark

Crossley's hesitancy to slide in Liverpool's third and deci-

on Merseyside than he does his own thunder, delivering Cooper turned into his own

> Forest's manager Frank Clark criticised his defence. We could have actually gone 3-0 up at one stage but the way we defended today even that wouldn't have been

"It was as if at 2-0 we suddenly sat back and thought, We can win this. We were a shambles late on in the open-ing half. My back five has won us games this season but they simply didn't do well enough today.

## Nice T-bone, how about a lapel pin?



Richard Williams

O ANSWER me this: if you had to nominate alty kick that would save your life, would you Pierre White?

And if your loved one's life depended on the successful outcome of a soufflé, which of them would you elect?

Exactly. So the existence of the Offi-cial All Star Cafe, which pened in New York a week before Christmas, must say something strange and interesting about our culture; in particular, about the peculiar way we extend the use of those whom we make stars into un-related fields.

Not long ago, Times Square was the sinkhole of Manhattan: a burnt-out neon hell of hustlers and porn cinemas, where you didn't linger too long in front of the cut-price electronic goods store because the man standing next to you had a Travis Bickle look in his

Things are changing. Now sidewalks are clean, the movie theatres are showing Pocahontas rather than The Devil in Miss Jones, and up above the junction of 45th Street and Broadway a huge sign gleams with the images of three men in sports gear and

The men are Joe Montana. the former quarterback of the San Francisco 49ers, Shaquille O'Neal, the 7ft star of Wayne Gretsky, hero of the Los Angeles Kings. Together with the tennis champions Monica Seles and Andre Agassi and basebail's Ken Griffey Jr and Dwight Gooden, these are the partners be-hind the Official All Star Cafe

HEY were all there on opening night in a crowd of 2,000 that also numbered Stevie Wonder, Brooke Shields, Whoopi Goldberg and Spike Lee. At some point during the evening, Gretsky told a New York Times reporter solemnly that he planned to eat there whenever he was in town. But two days later, when I took the elevator up from the street level to the second floor, the only

sign of Gretsky — or Montana or O'Neal — was on the bill-board outside. Not that I'd been expecting

to slide into a booth next to Andre and Brooke. That would be about as realistic as queueing for a hamburger at the Hard Rock Café in the expectation of an impromptu jam featuring Jimi Hendrix and Keith Moon, or entering the Fashion Cafe - another new Times Square landmark
— in the hope of dining à deux

with Christy Turlington No, the purpose of the Offi-cial All Star Cafe is not to provide Wayne and Monica and Shaq with somewhere to enjoy a quiet meal. The point is made quite explicit by the first thing you see when you leave the elevator: what the people in charge of it would probably call a merchandise facility. The millions the partners have made from playing contracts, prize-money and endorsements are clearly not enough: now they must have their percentage of Official All Star Café items, all the way from lapel pins at \$3.50 to leather jackets at \$375.

wallet-reducing area, the restaurant opens out into a large room rounded by booths, above which there are display cases containing the partners' uniforms, equipment and tro-phies. From the high ceiling hangs a four-man bobsleigh, a

jet-ski and a racing kayak. I ordered what turned out to be a perfectly decent chicken salad, washed down by a cou-ple of Mexican beers: \$20 plus tip. But for those whose heroworship is really out of control, the menu makes a special feature of the partners' favour-ite dishes: ravioli for Montana, chicken-fried chicken for Griffey, T-bone steak for Gretsky, spagnetti pomodoro for Agassi, smoked turkey sandwich for O'Neal. Curiously, Seles is not men-

tioned in this context. That eems unfair. So on her behalf I nominate the Chocolate Chip Cookie Deluxe, modestly described as "a warm oversized white chocolate chip cookie with white chocolate chip caramel swirl ice cream, whipped cream, chocolate sauce and caramel sauce", At \$5.95, that ought to put some comph back

Back in the days when Times Square was a sexual free-fire zone, Jack Dempsey's Bar offered refuge a couple of blocks north. It disappeared years ago, knocked down to make way for a tourist hotel But then the great heavyweight never tried to charge anyone \$52 for an embroidered sweatshirt

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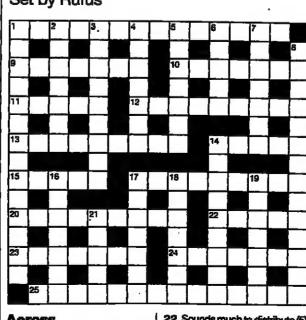
# **Dear Roy**

When we spoke on the phone, you suggested that it was my duty, as an "addict and advocate" of Prozac, to start off this correspondence. I'm not sure that I can produce the cheer-leaderly zeal suggested by that phrase. However, I'll give it a go....

Zoe Heller **G2** page 12

### **Guardian Crossword No 20.538**

Set by Rufus



Across

1 Failing to win a single game and getting annoyed (6,8) 9 Charge made by soldiers in

1.0 Resolute Old Testament character has a New Testament following (7)

11 Part of flag, one shot to pieces (5)

12 Chastise wanton whores with it (9) 13 Everyone in support of high-

level operation shows courage (9) 14 Singers of low songs (5) 15 A danger out east at this

time of the year (5) 17 Their guns will be broken you can safely bet on it (4,5) 20 Notice result of successful

22 Sounds much to distribute (5)

23 Meet and collide (3,4) 24 Unusually thin I am getting Vitamin B (7) 25 They may be seen racing o'er spire (7,7)

Down

1 Stranded up a mountain without a drink (4,4,3,3) 2 Though particular, the place is in a mess (7)

3 Opposite of a day trip? (9) 4 Saucepan's ready for

cooking a snipe (3-4) 5 It may carry out a service on a summer afternoon (3-4)

escape (5) 7 Buses — or trains (7) 8 They help your way to the bank, providing you have a good balance (8,6)

6 Girl needs two keys to

an Bra

14 Giving away a salver in person (9) 16 She's seen in an arson

17 It contracts to continue one's circulation (7) 18 Sort of desk that heads the

19 Up in the air amid the dance (2.5) 21 Private lodging provided with little hesitation (5)

Solution temorrow

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